

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on Friday, February 16, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in Room G, 3rd Floor, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following:

Amendment of the following rule for the purpose as shown below:

4123-6-37.1 Payment of hospital inpatient services.

The amendments to this rule clarify that unless an MCO has negotiated a different payment rate with a hospital, reimbursement for hospital inpatient services (other than outliers and payments to DRG-exempt hospitals and distinct-part units of hospitals) shall be equal to 115% of the applicable diagnosis related group (DRG) reimbursement rate for the hospital inpatient service under the Medicare program.

The rule proposes that, in addition to the payment specified above, hospitals operating approved graduate medical education programs and receiving additional reimbursement from Medicare for costs associated with these programs shall receive an additional per diem amount for direct graduate medical education costs associated with hospital inpatient services reimbursed by the bureau, and provides a formula for calculation of the per diem amount.

The definition of, and reimbursement of, outliers is unchanged; however, the cost-to-charge ratios used in the determination and reimbursement are more specifically identified.

The rule identifies how reimbursement for inpatient services provided by hospitals and distinct-part units of hospitals designated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Medicare program as exempt from DRG-based reimbursement (where there is no "applicable DRG reimbursement rate") shall be determined.

The rule provides greater specificity as to the Medicare regulations under which the "applicable DRG reimbursement rate" is determined, and which are incorporated by reference into the rule.

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available at the Register of Ohio (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>) and is on file in the office of the Secretary of State (180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Legislative Service Commission (77 South High Street, 9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the office of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (77 South High Street, Concourse Level, Columbus, Ohio), the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Operations (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio, 1st Floor, Hearing Rooms), and all service offices of the Bureau.

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any interested party unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the public hearing.

THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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