SOS APA Form 001

Mississippi Secretary of State
125 South Congress St., P. O. Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205-0136

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME		CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE NUMBER	
Division of Medicaid		Priscilla Gainer	601-359-2081	
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
550 High Street, Suite 1000		Jackson	MS	39201
EMAIL	SUBMIT DATE	Name or number of rule(s):		
DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov	OCT 26 2026	Title 23: Medicaid, Part 202: Hospital Services, Chapter 1: Inpatient Services, New Rule 1.19: Potentially Preventable Hospital Returns (PPHR).		

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: This Administrative Code is being filed to correspond with MS SPA 26-0014 to allow the Division of Medicaid to reduce payments to hospitals for potentially preventable hospital returns.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 42 C.F.R. § 447.253.

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: New Rule 1.19

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/repeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☐ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☒ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES

_____ Original filing
_____ Renewal of effectiveness
To be in effect in _____ days
Effective date:
_____ Immediately upon filing
_____ Other (specify): _____

PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES

Action proposed:
__X__ New rule(s)
_____ Amendment to existing rule(s)
_____ Repeal of existing rule(s)
_____ Adoption by reference
Proposed final effective date:
_____ 30 days after filing
__X__ Other (specify): JAN 01 2027

FINAL ACTION ON RULES

Date Proposed Rule Filed: _____
Action taken:
_____ Adopted with no changes in text
_____ Adopted with changes
_____ Adopted by reference
_____ Withdrawn
_____ Repeal adopted as proposed
Effective date:
_____ 30 days after filing
_____ Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Cindy H. Bradshaw, Executive Director
Signature of person authorized to file rules: Cindy Bradshaw

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	FILED OCT 26 2026 MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE	
Accepted for filing by	Accepted for filing by 21975	Accepted for filing by

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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Rev. 6/12

Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

CONCISE SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. This is a Concise Summary of the Economic Impact Statement which must be filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule:
42 C.F.R. § 447.253.	1.19 (new)

A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

1. Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit: *Allows the Division of Medicaid to reduce payments to hospitals for potentially preventable hospital returns.*

2. Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule: *Requires hospitals to perform the required discharge planning steps.*

3. Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: *Eliminates unnecessary return visits.*

4. Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:
   a. To the agency
      ☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
   b. To other state or local government entities
      ☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

5. Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:
   c. Cost:
      ☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
   d. Economic Benefit:
      ☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

6. Estimated impact on small businesses:
   ☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

   a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: N/A

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b. Projected costs for small businesses to comply: N/A
c. Statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses: N/A

7. The cost of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☒ minimally less than
☐ the same as ☐ minimally more than ☐ moderately more than
☐ substantially more than ☐ excessively more than

8. The benefit of adopting the rule compared to not adopting the rule or significantly amending the existing rule (check option):
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B. Reasonable Alternative Methods

1. Other than adopting this rule, are there less costly or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule?
☐ yes ☒ no

2. If yes, please briefly describe available, reasonable alternative(s) and the reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule. (Please see §25-43-4.104 for factors you must consider.) N/A

C. Data and Methodology

1. Please briefly describe the data and methodology you used in making the estimates required by this form. *Taking all PPHR chains from the V41 PPHR Statewide report, getting their Paid Amount from the claims data, and applying the reduction percentage to the paid amount if the claim was the index admission. If the claim is not an initial admission, then we are using the base paid amount from the claim.*

D. Public Notice

1. Where, when, and how may someone present their views on the proposed rule and request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already scheduled? *Written comments will be received by the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, Office of Policy, P.O. Box 2222, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, or emailed to DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments will be available for public review at the above address and on the Division of Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.ms.gov.*

SIGNATURE Cindy Bradshaw	TITLE Executive Director
DATE 10-19-2026	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE JAN 0 1 2027

Michael Watson
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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Economic Impact Statement must be attached to this Form and address the factors below. A PDF document containing this executed Form and the Economic Impact Statement must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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1. Describe the need for the proposed action: *Requires hospitals to perform the required discharge planning steps.*
2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: *Allows the Division of Medicaid to reduce payments to hospitals for potentially preventable hospital returns.*
3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: *Eliminates unnecessary return visits.*
4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues: *No cost to the agency*
5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: *The cost would be minimal.*
6. *Provide an a*nalysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: N/A
    a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: N/A
    b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: N/A
    c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: N/A
    d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis:

i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: N/A

7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule: Minimally less than.
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: N/A
9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: N/A
10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: N/A
11. Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection: *Taking all PPHR chains from the V41 PPHR Statewide report, getting their Paid Amount from the claims data, and applying the reduction percentage to the paid amount if the claim was the index admission. If the claim is not an initial admission, then we are using the base paid amount from the claim.*