

Mississippi Secretary of State
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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

AGENCY NAME Division of Medicaid		CONTACT PERSON Robin Bradshaw		TELEPHONE NUMBER 601-359-3984	
ADDRESS 550 High Street, Suite 1000		CITY Jackson		STATE MS	ZIP 39201
EMAIL DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov	SUBMIT DATE OCT 21 2025	Name or number of rule(s): Title 23: Medicaid, Part 203: Physician Services, Chapter 1: General, Rule 1.4: Physician Office Visits, Rule 1.5: Hospital Inpatient Visits/Consultations.			

Short explanation of rule/amendment/repeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/repeal: This administrative code is being submitted to clarify details regarding specialists for inpatient hospital physician visit limits to correspond with SPA 25-0009 Inpatient Hospital Physician Visits.

Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: 42 C.F.R. §§ 440.50, 440.230

List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: 1.4, 1.5

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	PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES	FINAL ACTION ON RULES
_____ Original filing _____ Renewal of effectiveness To be in effect in _____ days Effective date: _____ Immediately upon filing _____ Other (specify): _____	Action proposed: _____ New rule(s) ☒ Amendment to existing rule(s) _____ Repeal of existing rule(s) _____ Adoption by reference Proposed final effective date: _____ 30 days after filing ☒ Other (specify): JAN 01 2026	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 H. Bradshaw*

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



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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A. Estimated Costs and Benefits

- Briefly summarize the benefits that may result from this regulation and who will benefit:
This revision allows for one inpatient hospital visit for each physician specialty.
- Briefly describe the need for the proposed rule: *This rule is being filed to correspond with State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0009 Inpatient Hospital Physician Visits.*
- Briefly describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: *This revision will clarify details regarding specialists for inpatient hospital physician visit limits.*
- Estimated Cost of implementing proposed action:
 - To the agency
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
 - To other state or local government entities
☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
- Estimated Cost and/or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed rule:
 - Cost:
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
 - Economic Benefit:
☐ Nothing ☒ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive
- Estimated impact on small businesses:
☒ Nothing ☐ Minimal ☐ Moderate ☐ Substantial ☐ Excessive

- a. Estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: *This rule does not pertain to small businesses.*
- 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):
- ☐ substantially less than ☐ moderately less than ☐ minimally less than
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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. *The expected annual impact is \$1,140,099. The expected increase in state annual aggregate expenditure is \$109,735 for FFY25 and \$259,373 for FFY26. This economic impact was calculated by totaling the applicable physician visits billed by providers from February 2023 through January 2024.*

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, Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000, 550 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov. 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 Marshall

TITLE

Executive Director

DATE

OCT 21 2025

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE

JAN 01 2026



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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SIGNATURE <i>Robin Bradshaw</i>	TITLE Executive Director
DATE OCT 21 2025	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE JAN 01 2026

- Describe the need for the proposed action: *This administrative code is being submitted to clarify details regarding specialists for inpatient hospital physician visit limits to correspond with SPA 25-0009 Inpatient Hospital Physician Visits.*
- Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action: *This revision allows for one inpatient hospital visit for each physician specialty.*
- Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare: *This revision will clarify details regarding the application of the inpatient hospital physician visit limits.*
- 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: *The cost to the agency is minimal. There is no cost to other state or local entities.*
- Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action: *The cost and economic benefit are minimal.*
- Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business:
 - Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: *This rule does not impact small businesses.*
 - 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*
 - State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: *N/A*
 - 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: *The cost of adopting this rule is minimally more than the cost of not adopting the rule.*
 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: *The expected annual impact is \$1,140,099. The expected increase in state annual aggregate expenditure is \$109,735 for FFY25 and \$259,373 for FFY26. This economic impact was calculated by totaling the applicable physician visits billed by providers from February 2023 through January 2024.*