

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Intent to Adopt Amended Rule Wyoming Department of Health

Public notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing proposes to adopt the following Amended Rule:

#### Wyoming Medicaid Rules Chapter 28 – Reimbursement of Swing-Bed Services

The Wyoming Department of Health proposes to amend Chapter 28 of Wyoming Medicaid Rules pursuant to its statutory authority in the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act at Wyoming Statutes §§ 42-4-101 through -121. Chapter 28 governs providers, defines covered services, and establishes processes for rate calculations for Swing-Bed Services.

The Chapter 28 Amended Rule removes the State's obligation to reimburse providers for reserve bed days. This reduction in coverage resulted from a loss in Agency funding/appropriation. Section 8 of the Amended Rule removes outdated references to actionable timelines that are now more appropriately addressed in Chapter 19, Nursing Facility Preadmission Screenings.

The amendment also updates the rule's formatting and standard provisions in order to comply with current requirements.

As required by Wyoming Statute § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G), this proposed change meets minimum substantive state statutory requirements.

To obtain a copy of this Amended Rule, contact:

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A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Wyoming Department of Health welcomes all comments and suggestions on the proposed Amended Rule. Any person may urge the Agency not to amend this rule and may request that the Agency state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against amendment. Written comments must be submitted to the above address no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2019.

Interested parties may request a statement of the Department's position regarding each comment and the action taken as a result of the comments prior to, or within thirty (30) days after, adoption of this Rule. Requests must be submitted to the above addresses. If requested, the statement will be issued by the Departments within thirty (30) days after the Agency action.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

Thomas Forslund, Director