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**Administrative Rules Division (ARD)**

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**REQUEST FOR RULEMAKING (RFR)**

**1. Department:**

Labor and Economic Opportunity

**2. Bureau:**

Workers' Compensation Agency

**3. Promulgation type:**

Full Process

**4. Title of proposed rule set:**

Workers' Compensation Health Care Services

**5. Rule numbers or rule set range of numbers:**

R 418.10101 - R 418.101504

**6. Estimated time frame:**

6 months

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**7. Describe the general purpose of these rules, including any problems the changes are intended to address.**

The HCS Rules are updated annually in order to provide the Agency's external customers with updated health care fee schedules for reimbursement to providers for treatment of injured workers and to guide providers and payers on the scope of reimbursement. The HCS Rules must maintain consistency with the most recent medical indexes, billing codes, and fee schedules published by Medicare and other entities, in a timely fashion.

**8. Please cite the specific promulgation authority for the rules (i.e. department director, commission, board, etc.).**

By authority conferred on the Workers' Disability Compensation Agency Director.

**A. Please list all applicable statutory references (MCLs, Executive Orders, etc.).**

Sections 205 and 315 of 1969 PA 317, Section 33 of 1969 PA 306, Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1982-2, 1986-3, 1990-1, 1996-2, 2003-1, 2011-4, and 2019-13, MCL 418.205, 418.315, 24.233, 18.24, 418.1, 418.2, 445.2001, 445.2011, 445.2030, and 125.1998.

**B. Are the rules mandated by any applicable constitutional or statutory provision? If so, please explain.**

Section 315 of 1969 PA 317; Section 33 of 1969 PA 306.

**9. Please describe the extent to which the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.**

The proposed rules do not conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

**10. Is the subject matter of the rules currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda?**

Yes. The WDCA publishes a Health Care Services Manual, which is found on the WDCA website.

**11. Are the rules listed on the department's annual regulatory plan as rules to be processed for the current year?**

Yes.

**12. Will the proposed rules be promulgated under Section 44 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.244, or under the full rulemaking process?**

Full Process

**13. Please describe the extent to which the rules exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.**

The proposed rules do not exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

**14. Do the rules incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules? If yes, please explain.**

Yes, the proposed rules may incorporate comments, complaints, and suggested updates proposed during the Health Care Services Advisory Committee (HCSAC) meetings, which are open to the public.

**15. If amending an existing rule set, please provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed the regulatory activity covered by the rules since the last evaluation.**

The last HCS rules update was effective October 12, 2023. The HCS Rules are updated annually in order to provide the Agency's external customers with updated health care fee schedules for reimbursement to providers for treatment of injured workers and to guide providers and payers on the scope of reimbursement. Technology, economic conditions, or other factors have not changed the regulatory activity covered by the rules since the last evaluation.

**16. Are there any changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate there is no continued need for the rules, or any portion of the rules?**

No, these rules are required and must be updated for our customers.

**17. Is there an applicable decision record (as defined in MCL 24.203(6) and required by MCL 24.239(2))? If so, please attach the decision record.**

Yes

**Based on the information provided in this RFR, MOAHR concludes that there are sufficient policy and legal bases for approving the RFR. The RFR satisfies the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, and Executive Order No. 2019-6.**