

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF MEDICAID POLICY AND PLANNING
PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING CHANGES IN STATEWIDE METHODS AND
STANDARDS FOR SETTING PAYMENT RATES FOR OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES**

In accordance with the public notice requirements established at 42 CFR 447.205 and Section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP), publishes this notice of changes to the methods and standards governing Medicaid reimbursement methodology for outpatient services provided by hospitals.

The reimbursement methodology for all covered outpatient hospital services shall be subject to the lower of the submitted charges for the procedure or the established fee schedule allowance for the procedure.

This payment methodology is expected to result in a reduction in Medicaid program expenditures (both state and federal dollars) of approximately \$2.4 million per state fiscal year. The change in reimbursement methodology will be effective April 1, 2004.

Copies of the proposed state plan amendment and this public notice will be on file and open for public inspection by contacting the Director of the local office of the Division of Family and Children, except in Marion County. The inspection material will be maintained for viewing in Marion County at the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, 402 West Washington Street, Room W382, and will be available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Written comments from any source regarding these changes should be sent to the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, 402 West Washington Street, Room W382, Indianapolis, IN 46204 to the attention of Zac Jackson. Written comments received will also be available for public review.

Cheryl Sullivan
Secretary
Office of the Secretary of Family and Social Services

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS COMMISSION
ADOPTION BY REFERENCE
Bulletin 03-02**

IC 22-8-1.1-16.2 allows the adoption of any United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard that has been lawfully adopted by OSHA under federal law to be enforced by the Indiana Department of Labor, not earlier than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the federal OSHA final standard. Notice must be given by the Indiana Department of Labor by publishing a statement describing the standard by making reference to the federal regulation, under IC 4-22-7-7(b).

The Indiana Department of Labor incorporates by reference the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration provisions that amend 29 CFR 1910, subpart N, the final rule for the General Industry Safety and Health Standards for materials handling and storage, motor vehicle safety, powered industrial trucks. The Indiana Department of Labor incorporates by reference the standard 29 CFR 1910, Subpart N, as published in the Federal Register, June 2, 2003, Volume 68, pages 32637 to 32638.

Federal effective dates: July 2, 2003.

Indiana effective dates: September 3, 2003.

Nancy J. Guyott
Commissioner