## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Wyoming Department of Health
Inpatient Hospital Level of Care Payment Methodology and
Nursing Facility Payment Methodology

Public notice is hereby given that effective July 1, 2010, the Wyoming Department of Health (Department) intends to make the following changes to the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan for the inpatient hospital level of care payment methodology and nursing facility payment methodology.

The proposed changes update Attachment 4.19A, Level of Care Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement, and Attachment 4.19D, Wyoming Nursing Home Reimbursement System, with regard to the methodology used to annually inflate Medicaid reimbursement rates for inpatient hospital services and nursing facility services for individuals admitted on or after its effective date. The Department revised the methodology to discontinue the annual inflation of inpatient hospital and nursing facility rates until further notice due to constraints on Wyoming's EqualityCare budget.

The federal fiscal impact associated with this amendment is estimated to be:

- A decrease in inpatient hospital reimbursement of \$1.9 million (\$1.2 million federal share) for federal fiscal year 2011 in comparison to estimated SFY 2010 payments.
- A decrease in nursing facility reimbursement of \$2.9 million (\$1.8 million federal share) for federal fiscal year 2011 in comparison to estimated SFY 2010 payments.

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