PUBLIC NOTICE

Wyoming Department of Health
Level of Care Inpatient Hospital Reimbursement

Public notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health (Department) intends to submit a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This amendment will update the cost-to-charge ratios for each level of care for purposes of calculating the allowable costs and the outlier payment amount for the hospital inpatient Level of Care (LOC) reimbursement system as indicated in SPA Attachment 4.19a, which will be effective October 1, 2011.

The Department calculated the updated cost-to-charge ratios using more recent cost and claims data to align with current provider costs. The cost-to-charge ratios will be updated on an annual basis.

Wyoming Medicaid will also update the State Plan Amendment and Wyoming Administrative Rules to indicate that the Department:

1. Has the discretion to update LOC rates based on changes to hospital peer groups, hospital billing practices, or changes in hospital operations, and

2. Will at least comply with the minimum CMS regulations for provider preventable conditions.

The federal fiscal impact associated with this amendment is estimated to be a savings of $3,531,473 for federal fiscal year 2012.

Copies of the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan will be available at the Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing. To obtain a copy of the State Plan Amendment, contact:

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for

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