

IN RE: THE PARTIAL RATE * BEFORE THE HEALTH SERVICES
APPLICATION OF THE * COST REVIEW COMMISSION
LAUREL REGIONAL * DOCKET 2010
HOSPITAL * FOLIO: 1907
LAUREL, MARYLAND * PROCEEDING: 2097N

Commission Approved

January 12, 2011

Introduction

On November 22, 2010, Laurel Regional Hospital (the Hospital) submitted a partial rate application to the Commission requesting a rate for Hyperbaric Chamber (HYP) services. The Hospital is requesting the statewide median rate for HYP services to be effective January 1, 2011.

Staff Evaluation

To determine if the Hospital's HYP rate should be set at the statewide median rate or at a rate based on its own cost experience, the staff requested that the Hospital submit to the Commission all cost and statistical data for HYP services for FY 2011. Based on information received, it was determined that the HYP rate based on the Hospital's actual data would be \$279.37 per RVU, while the statewide median rate for HYP services is \$246.02 per RVU.

Recommendation

After reviewing the Hospital's application, the staff recommends as follows:

1. That COMAR 10.37.10.07 requiring that rate applications be filed 60 days before the opening of a new service be waived;
2. That an HYP rate of 246.02 per RVU be approved effective January 1, 2011;
3. That no change be made to the Hospital's Charge per Case standard for HYP services; and
4. That the HYP rate not be rate realigned until a full year's experience data have been reported to the Commission.