

<b>IN RE: THE PARTIAL RATE</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>BEFORE THE HEALTH SERVICES</b>
<b>APPLICATION OF THE</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>COST REVIEW COMMISSION</b>
<b>WESTERN MARYLAND</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>DOCKET: 2011</b>
<b>HEALTH SYSTEM</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>FOLIO: 1920</b>
<b>CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>PROCEEDING: 2110N</b>

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**Staff Recommendation**

**June 1, 2011**

This recommendation was approved by the Commission on June 1, 2011.

## **Introduction**

On March 25, 2011, Western Maryland Health System (“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 May 1, 2011.

## **Staff Evaluation**

To determine if the Hospital’s HYP rate should be set at the statewide median 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 \$180.24 per Hour of Treatment, while the statewide median rate for HYP services is \$286.72 per Hour of Treatment.

## **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 \$180.24 per Hour of Treatment be approved effective May 1, 2011; and
3. That the HYP rate not be rate realigned until a full year’s cost experience data have been reported to the Commission.