

IN RE: THE PARTIAL RATE	*	BEFORE THE HEALTH SERVICES
APPLICATION OF THE	*	COST REVIEW COMMISSION
UNIVERSITY SPECIALTY	*	DOCKET: 2011
HOSPITAL	*	FOLIO: 1922
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	*	PROCEEDING: 2112N

Staff Recommendation

June 1, 2011

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

Introduction

On May 9, 2011, University Specialty Hospital (“Hospital”), a member of the University of Maryland Medical System, submitted a partial rate application to the Commission requesting a rate for Operating Room Clinic (ORC) services, due to the establishment of a new Pediatric Clinic at the Hospital. The Hospital is requesting the lower of \$13.57 per minute based on its costs and volumes or the statewide median rate for ORC services to be effective June 1, 2011.

Staff Evaluation

To determine if the Hospital’s ORC 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 ORC services for FY 2011. Based on information received, it was determined that the ORC rate based on the Hospital’s actual data would be \$13.57 per minute, while the statewide median rate for ORC services is \$12.25 per minute.

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 ORC rate of \$12.25 per minute be approved effective June 1, 2011; and
3. That the ORC rate not be rate realigned until a full year’s cost experience data have been reported to the Commission.