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Minutes from the Closed Session of the Health Services Cost Review Commission
March 19, 2020

At the Commission's Closed Session of March 19, 2020, the Commission voted to waive COMAR 10.37.10.07-01 to allow hospitals to operate outpatient services, including laboratory testing, at locations not "at the hospital" and to charge HSCRC-approved rates. The Commission also waived the "no-mix" provisions of the aforementioned regulation. The Commission affirmed its rate setting jurisdiction to adhere to actions of the OHCQ in licensing facilities as part of a regulated hospital. The Commission will need to be notified of OHCQ's action and hospitals will be expected to report revenue and volume for those services. The Commission also affirmed that if an alternative site is used for inpatient services and is approved by OHCQ as part of a currently regulated hospital, the alternative site will charge the rates of the currently regulated hospital. Finally, the Commission discussed waiving of the telehealth restrictions as they pertain to "at the hospital" requirements and will be obtaining additional information before making any decision on this issue.