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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Department of Industrial Relations

RULE NO. & TITLE: 480-5-5-.05 Entity Qualified to Perform Bill Screening
480-5-5-.07 Utilization Review Process
480-5-5-.15 Bill Screening

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the above rule in the Utilization Management/Bill Screening Chapter under the Workers' Compensation Division (480-5-5).

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The adoption is necessary to correctly reference the entire Chapter following the recent adoption of new rules to the Chapter.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to Joey Ammons, Department of Industrial Relations, 649 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36131 by mail or in person between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday until and including June 7, 2011. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or arguments orally should contact Joey Ammons by telephone at (334) 353-0960 during this period to arrange for an appointment.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: June 7, 2011

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Joseph Ammons,
Administrative Procedure Secretary

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RULE

Division: Workers' Compensation

Chapter: Utilization Management and Bill Screening

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480-5-5-.05 ENTITY QUALIFIED TO PERFORM BILL SCREENING.

(1) The following criteria shall be used by the Department of Industrial Relations to qualify an employer/ agent who may perform the bill screening of medical services for workers' compensation claims. This entity shall be qualified by the Department as required in Rule 480-5-5-.05 and/or 480-5-5-.06, as applicable, of these rules. This entity shall:

(a) Be familiar with medical terms; and

(b) Be familiar with the ICD-9-CM, CPT-4, and HCPCS Coding Manuals and Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Administrative Code Rules 480-5-5-.01 through 480-5-5-.32 Utilization Management and Bill Screening Chapter, and reimbursement as published in the most current Alabama Workers' Compensation Maximum Fee Schedule according to provider type;

(c) Be familiar with prevailing adjudication rules;

(d) Protect the confidentiality of medical records; and

(e) Provide a name and telephone number of a person for the Department to contact Monday through Friday during normal business hours, except legal holidays.

(2) It is the express intent of these rules that bill screening may be performed by the insurance carrier, employer/agent, self-insured employer, or group self-insurance fund including designated employees of the respective entity. There is no requirement that outside utilization review entity vendors be hired to perform bill screening activities in accordance with these rules.

Author: Workers' Compensation Medical Services Board

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama 1975, §25-5-293

History: Effective September 12, 1996

Comment Deadline: June 7, 2011