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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

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Rule No. 480-5-505	
Rule Title: Entity Qualified to Perform Bill Screening	
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Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and	
the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?	<u>NO</u>
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Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?	NO
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Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing	
the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?	NO_
Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm	
that might result from the absence of the proposed rule?	NO
Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed	***************************************
solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as	
their primary effect, the protection of the public?	<u>YES</u>
Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?	NO
If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be	
accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.	on
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Certification of Authorized Official	
I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with	h tha
requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms	s to all
applicable filing requirements of the Aministrative Procedure Division of the Leg	islative
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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

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

<u>SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:</u> 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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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 4805-5-.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: <u>Code of Alabama</u> 1975, §25-5-293

History: Effective September 12, 1996 Comment Deadline: June 7, 2011