

**Maryland General Assembly
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
(DLS Control No. 15-183)**

Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact

The regulation authorizes the Health Services Cost Review Commission to prescribe the format to be used in the submission of rate applications and their supporting documents.

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Regulation of COMAR Affected

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

Health Services Cost Review Commission: Rate Application and Approval Procedures:
COMAR 10.37.10.10

Legal Analysis

Background

According to the commission, the purpose of the regulation is to assure that rate applications are submitted in easily readable formats.

Summary of Regulation

The regulation authorizes the commission to prescribe the format to be used in the submission of rate applications and their supporting documents.

Legal Issues

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent

The commission cites §§ 19-207, 19-219, and 19-222 of the Health – General Article as statutory authority for the regulation. Section 19-207(a)(1) authorizes the commission to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of Title 19, Subtitle 2 of the Health – General Article. Section 19-219 authorizes the commission to review the costs, rates, quality, and efficiency of

facility services. Section 19-222 prohibits a facility from changing any rate schedule or charge unless the facility files with the commission a written notice of the proposed change.

This authority is correct and complete. The regulation complies with the legislative intent of the law.

Fiscal Analysis

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact

The regulation authorizes the Health Services Cost Review Commission to prescribe the format that hospitals must use in submitting rate applications and supporting documents. The commission advises that the regulation is intended to ensure that rate applications are submitted in easily readable formats and has no impact on State or local governments. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

Impact on Budget

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget.

Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact

The commission advises that the regulation has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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