

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

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DIVISION OF MEDICAID

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of
Rule: Miss Code Ann. §43-13-121(1972), as amended

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Proposed Rule :
Provider Policy Manual Section 55.06

Date Rule Proposed:

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

AP 2006-67 This Provider Policy Update creates a new section for inclusion: 55.06 in regards to hospital inpatient visits/consultations. An initial hospital visit is allowed for beneficiaries and one visit by the attending physician each day of hospitalization. Also, an initial inpatient consultation is allowed for each consultant of a different specialty if patient's illness justifies the necessity. A Physician can only bill for the discharge visit on the day of the beneficiary is discharged..

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date:
Time:
Place:

An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: February 1, 2007

Executive Director

Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing

Division of Medicaid State of Mississippi Provider Policy Manual	New: X Revised: Current:	Date: 02/01/07 Date:
Section: Physician's Manual	Section: 55.06 Pages: 1	
Subject: Hospital Inpatient Visits/Consultations	Cross Reference:	

Attending (Admitting) Physician Visits

Initial Hospital Visit: An initial hospital visit is allowed for the beneficiary's attending physician. A subsequent hospital visit is not covered on the same day as the initial visit.

Subsequent Hospital Visit: Following the date of admission, only one subsequent hospital visit per day is allowed to the attending physician. An exception is made when the patient is in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) or Coronary Care Unit (CCU) where the limit is two (2) visits per day.

Note: If another physician in the same group practice is seeing the beneficiary in the absence of the attending physician, the physician making the visit must bill for the visit. The limit of one subsequent visit per day is applicable when the subsequent visit occurs on the same date of service.

Consulting Physician Visits

Initial Inpatient Consultation: An initial inpatient consultation is allowed for each consultant of a different specialty if the patient's condition justifies the medical necessity for multiple consultations. Only one initial consultation is allowed per beneficiary, per consultant, per admission.

Subsequent Hospital Visits By Consulting Physicians: Following the date of the initial inpatient consultation, one subsequent hospital visit per day is allowed to only one consulting physician if the patient's condition justifies the medical necessity for the services of more than one physician of a specialty different from the attending physician.

Hospital Discharge Visits

A subsequent hospital visit and a hospital discharge visit on the same date of service are not both reimbursable; only the hospital discharge visit will be considered a covered service.