

GENERAL NOTICES

the cost of dispensing studies that can be performed in order to calculate the true cost of dispensing, and ultimately determine the professional dispensing fee. The services in question are not allowed to be included. However, the Program is analyzing the possibility of implementing Medication Therapy Management. At this time, the Program does not intend to amend methodology changes proposed for April 1, 2017, effective date.

As the comment relates to prescription synchronization, the Program ensured the stakeholders that it will review the possibility of allowing it and discuss it both internally and with CMS in the upcoming months.

The Program received one formal written comment in response to the first public notice printed February 3, 2017. The commenter raised a concern with the proposed changes, as they relate to the Program using "lower of" methodology for drugs without a NADAC rate. The Program did analyze the concern and determined that as indicated in the proposed methodology, and as the commenter stated in their comment, products that reimburse at NADAC will not include a lower of reimbursement methodology. The NADAC will cover approximately 89 percent of brand claims and 98 percent of generic claims; therefore, the subset of claims in question will be minimal. Furthermore, the Department believes it is necessary to incorporate the State Actual Acquisition Cost (SAAC) and Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) into the reimbursement methodology for products that do not have a current NADAC rate.

Many of the products in question have very low utilization. Consequently, there may not be enough purchasing records collected for these products to allow a SAAC rate to be calculated. Therefore, the Program believes it is necessary to include the WAC as part of a fall back reimbursement rate.

The Program did not receive any comments concerning participant access to pharmacy services resulting from the new methodology.

As it was stated above, the projected fiscal impact is \$0.9M. The proposed effective date is April 1, 2017.

For a more detailed summary of changes, please see the documents posted on the MMPP webpage:

<https://mmpp.dhmh.maryland.gov/pap/docs/Presentation%20Slides%20from%20January%209th%20Pharmacy%20Stakeholders%20Meeting.pptx>

Written comments may be sent to Deborah Washington, Maryland Medicaid Pharmacy Program, DHMH 201 W. Preston St., Rm. 408, Baltimore, MD 21201, or emailed to dhmh.mmpp@maryland.gov.

Contact: Deborah Washington (410) 767-1455

[17-07-29]

MARYLAND INSURANCE
ADMINISTRATION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: May 8, 2017, 10 a.m.

Place: 200 St. Paul Pl., 24th Fl. Hearing Rm., Baltimore, MD

Add'l. Info: Insurance Commissioner Al Redmer, Jr. will hold a meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 10 a.m., at 200 St. Paul Place, 24th Floor Hearing Room, Baltimore, MD 21202, to review what the Maryland Insurance Administration has done and will continue to do in preparation for the 2017 hurricane season. Commissioner Redmer also will discuss how property and casualty insurers can help the Maryland Insurance Administration promptly and efficiently assist Maryland consumers.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please RSVP to joy.hatchette@maryland.gov. If you have any questions, you may also contact Joy Hatchette at the same email address or at 410-468-2029.

You can also call-in to the meeting by dialing 1-866-247-6034. The passcode is 1573490062.

Contact: Joy Hatchette (410) 468-2029

[17-07-07]

MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND
GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: April 20, 2017, 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Place: Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Blvd., Ste. 330, Baltimore, MD

Contact: Marie A. Torosino (410) 230-8790

[17-07-27]

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
COMMISSION

Subject: Public Meeting

Date and Time: April 20, 2017, 1 — 4 p.m.

Place: 4160 Patterson Ave., Rm. 100, Baltimore, MD

Contact: Valerie Wooding (410) 764-3570

[17-07-05]

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
COMMISSION

Subject: Comparative Review

Add'l. Info: Subject: Notice of Receipt of a Letter of Intent and Review for Track Two Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Intermediate Care Facility

On March 8, 2017, the MHCC received a Letter of Intent from Addiction Recovery, Inc. d/b/a Hope House Treatment Centers — Establish a Track Two Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Intermediate Care Facility with 22 medically monitored detox beds to be located at 429 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland 21090, Prince George's County.

Pursuant to COMAR 10.24.01.08A(3) the Commission hereby initiates a 30-day period in which additional Letters of Intent to apply for a Certificate of Need may be submitted to establish a Track One Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Treatment Facility. Additional Letters of Intent should be submitted to the MHCC, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, and are due by the close of business, May 1, 2017.

Contact: Ruby Potter (410) 764-3279

[17-07-22]

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
COMMISSION

Subject: Receipt of Application

Add'l. Info: On March 10, 2017 the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) received a Certificate of Need application submitted by Visiting Nursing Association of Maryland — Matter No. 17-R1-2393 — Expand home health services into Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties.

The MHCC shall review the application under Health-General Article, §19-101 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland, and COMAR 10.24.01.

Any affected person may make a written request to the Commission to receive copies of relevant notices concerning the applications. All further notices of proceedings on the applications will be sent only to affected persons who have registered as interested parties.

Please refer to the Matter No. listed above in any correspondence on the applications. A copy of the application are available, for review, in the office of the MHCC, during regular business hours by appointment, or on the Commission's website at www.mhcc.maryland.gov.