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Secretary of State

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

An Economic Impact Statement is required for this proposed rule by Section 25-43-3.105 of the Administrative Procedures Act. An Agency is encouraged to use as much space as will adequately answer all questions. A **PDF** version of this executed Form must be filed with any proposed rule, if required by the aforementioned statute.

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	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROPOSED RULE Physician Office Visits	
Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: Miss. Code Ann.43-13-121	Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Title 23: Division of Medicaid, Part 203: Physician Services, Chapter 1: General, Rule 1.4: Physician Office Visits	

1. Describe the need for the proposed action:

The provider community requested the ability to have physician office hours outside of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to provide primary care services to beneficiaries. Beneficiaries will be able to receive primary care services from their primary care physician instead of seeking services in the emergency department for conditions that are not life-threatening but warrant immediate attention and cannot wait till the next scheduled appointment.

2. Describe the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action:

Physician offices will be allowed to set regularly scheduled office hours outside of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and receive reimbursement in addition to the appropriate Evaluation and Management code for visits occurring during these hours. Beneficiaries will be allowed to receive services for a non-life threatening medical condition from their primary care physician in the office setting outside of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3. Describe the effect the proposed action will have on the public health, safety, and welfare:

See answer to #2.

4. Estimate the cost to the agency and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues:

None.

5. Estimate the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action:

The cost of operating the physician's office during the extended hours.

6. Provide an analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business: None

- a. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses subject to the proposed regulation: Unknown.
- b. Provide the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record: Minimal
- c. State the probable effect on impacted small businesses: Increase revenue due to implementation of this optional service
- d. Describe any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation including the following regulatory flexibility analysis: None.
 - i. The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - ii. The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iii. The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - iv. The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the proposed regulation; and
 - v. The exemption of some or all small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the proposed regulations: N/A
 - vi.

7. Compare the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule: Substantially more than.

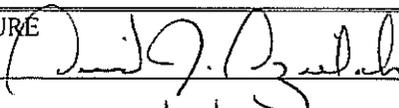
8. Determine whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law: No reasonable alternative methods.

9. Describe reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency: No reasonable alternative methods.

10. State reasons for rejecting alternative methods that were described in #9 above: N/A

Provide a detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection:

Based upon a review of services received in the emergency department for state FY13, an estimate of one percent (1%) of beneficiaries could have been treated in a non-emergent setting in the physician's office (example: Otitis Media).

SIGNATURE		TITLE	Executive Director
DATE	9/6/13	PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE	NOV 01 2013