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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS**

**FROM: OSCAR IBARRA, CHIEF, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT** (OI)

**DATE: APRIL 25, 2008**

**RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

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Attached please find a Notice of Proposed Action that was presented before the Commission on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. As indicated in the Notice, the purpose of this action is to have the reporting time of the Hospital Outpatient Data Regulations conform to the Inpatient Discharge Data Regulations reporting time frame (change from 60 days to 45 days).

As also indicated in the Notice, all comments must be sent to Dennis Phelps, Associate Director, Audit and Compliance, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, faxed to 410.358.6217, or e-mailed to [dphelps@hscrc.state.md.us](mailto:dphelps@hscrc.state.md.us) by May 22, 2008.

If you have any comments or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410.764.2566.

**Title 10**                    **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**  
**Subtitle 37**                **Health Services Cost Review Commission**  
**10.37.04**                   **Submission of Hospital Outpatient  
Data Set to the Commission**  
**Authority:**                **Health-General Article, §§ 19-207, 19-215, and  
19-216 Annotated Code of Maryland**

### **Notice of Proposed Action**

The Health Services Cost Review Commission proposes to amend **Regulation .01** under **COMAR 10.37.04 Submission of Hospital Outpatient Data Set to the Commission**. This action was considered and approved for promulgation by the Commission at a previously announced open meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland. If adopted, the proposed regulations would be effective on or about August 25, 2008.

#### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to have the reporting time frame of the Hospital Outpatient Data Regulations conform to the Inpatient Discharge Data Regulations reporting time frame.

#### **Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

#### **Estimate of Economic Impact**

The proposed action has no economic impact.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Comments may be sent to Dennis N. Phelps, Associate Director, Audit and Compliance, 4160 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215, or call 410-764-2605, or fax to 410-358-6217, or email to [dphelps@hscrc.state.md.us](mailto:dphelps@hscrc.state.md.us). The Health Services Cost Review Commission will consider comments on the proposed regulations until May 22, 2008. A hearing may be held at the discretion of the Commission.

#### **.01 Collection and Submission of Data.**

A. Effective July 1, 2007, each hospital under the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) shall submit the data elements listed in Regulation .03 of this Chapter in the form prescribed by Regulation .04 of this Chapter to the Commission within [60 days] 45 days following the last day of the quarter during which the patient was discharged or died.

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