

Public Notice Regarding Reduction in Rates for Laboratory Services

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access; effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reduce reimbursement rates for Laboratory services from 100% of the Medicare rate to 80% of the most current Medicare allowed laboratory rates. MHD estimates a total savings of \$13,200,000 in expenditures as a result of this change. The MHD is seeking comments regarding the effect this reduction has on access to care.

2. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within thirty days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct., 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: Nanci Nikodym

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Laboratory Reimbursement" in the subject line. Comments must be received by February 11, 2018.

3. A copy of the proposed Laboratory changes is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents also may be viewed online at https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/bulletin40-36_2017december19.pdf.

4. No public hearing will be held.