

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. \_\_\_\_\_ Department or Agency: Department of Labor  
Rule No. 480-5-5-.05  
Rule Title: Entity Qualified to Perform Bill Screening  
\_\_\_\_\_ New X Amend \_\_\_\_\_ Repeal \_\_\_\_\_ Adopt by Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer /s/ Stephen McCormick

Date 12-14-15

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Labor

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AGENCY NAME: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

RULE NO. & TITLE: 480-5-5-.05 Entity Qualified To Perform Bill Screening

INTENDED ACTION: Amended rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The adoption is necessary to update the worker's compensation administrative code section to be consistent with the diagnostic code change from ICD-9 to ICD-10.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments in writing to Stephen McCormick, Department of Labor, 649 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36131 by mail or in person between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday until and including February 08, 2016. Persons wishing to submit data, views or arguments orally should contact Stephen McCormick by telephone at (334) 242-8274 during this period to arrange an appointment.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE February 08, 2016

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 480-5-5

**480-5-5-.05 Entity Qualified To Perform Bill Screening.**

(1) The following criteria shall be used by the Department of Industrial Relations to qualify an employer/agent who may perform the bill screening of medical services for workers' compensation claims. This entity shall be qualified by the Department as required in Rule 480-5-5-.05 and/or 480-5-5-.06, as applicable, of these rules. This entity shall:

- (a) Be familiar with medical terms;
- (b) Be familiar with the ICD-910-CM, CPT-4, and HCPCS Coding Manuals and Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Administrative Code Utilization Management and Bill Screening Chapter, and reimbursement as published in the most current Alabama Workers' Compensation Maximum Fee Schedule according to provider type;
- (c) Be familiar with prevailing adjudication rules;
- (d) Protect the confidentiality of medical records; and
- (e) Provide a name and telephone number of a person for the Department to contact Monday through Friday during normal business hours, except legal holidays.

(2) It is the express intent of these rules that bill screening may be performed by the insurance carrier, employer/agent, self-insured employer, or group self-insurance fund including designated employees of the respective entity. There is no requirement that outside utilization review entity vendors be hired to perform bill screening activities in accordance with these rules.

**Author:** Workers' Compensation Medical Services Board

**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §25-5-293.

**History: New Rule:** Filed August 9, 1996; effective September 13, 1996. **Amended:** Filed July 14, 1997; effective August 18, 1997. **Amended:** Filed June 15, 2011; effective July 20, 2011. **Amended:** Filed