Description and information about Administrative Regulations filed on February 24, 2025

These ordinary and emergency administrative regulations were filed on February 24, 2025

1. 907 KAR 10:840

A. This administrative regulation was filed on February 24, 2025.

B. **Summary of Administrative Regulation:** This administrative regulation establishes the reimbursement provisions and requirements for the Hospital Rate Improvement Program. The amendments create a new Section 4 of the administrative regulation that establishes the Kentucky Trauma Hospital Rate Improvement (K-THRI). The new program is required by KRS 205.6411-.6412 and is required to have federal approval. If approval is received, the program will allow for an enhanced quarterly add-on payment to qualifying providers that will include inpatient, outpatient, and professional services. The K-THRI program will include a requirement to meet at least 7 of 14 quality metrics each year. 20% of the potential funds will be withheld and subject to meeting the quality metrics in order to receive payment.

C. The administrative regulation may be accessed at the LRC website here: <u>https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/TITLE907.HTM</u>

D. A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held on May 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. using the CHFS Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Zoom meeting room. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to each requestor the week prior to the scheduled hearing. Individuals interested in attending this virtual hearing shall notify this agency in writing by May 19, 2025, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends virtually will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation until May 31, 2025. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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2. 907 KAR 10:840E

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B. **Summary of Administrative Regulation:** This administrative regulation establishes the reimbursement provisions and requirements for the Hospital Rate Improvement Program. The amendments create a new Section 4 of the administrative regulation that establishes the Kentucky Trauma Hospital Rate Improvement (K-THRI). The new program is required by KRS 205.6411-

.6412 and is required to have federal approval. If approval is received, the program will allow for an enhanced quarterly add-on payment to qualifying providers that will include inpatient, outpatient, and professional services. The K-THRI program will include a requirement to meet at least 7 of 14 quality metrics each year. 20% of the potential funds will be withheld and subject to meeting the quality metrics in order to receive payment.

C. The administrative regulation may be accessed at the LRC website here: <u>https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/TITLE907.HTM</u>

D. A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held on April 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. using the CHFS Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Zoom meeting room. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to each requestor the week prior to the scheduled hearing. Individuals interested in attending this virtual hearing shall notify this agency in writing by April 14, 2025, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends virtually will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation until April 30, 2025. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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