HealthChoices Rate Setting Policies

Community Care publishes base fee schedules for each HealthChoices network and individually negotiates rates with providers for residential services and some specialized services. In order to formalize the process and develop parameters around the rate setting process, Community Care, in conjunction with our County Partners and OMHSAS, developed policies related to rate setting based upon the program year for each network.

Attached, please find the Policy and Procedure for Provider Rate Setting for HealthChoices Erie. The Policies and Procedures for all other contracts can be found in the Provider Alerts Section of the Community Care Website (2009 Provider Alerts - PA 11).

Providers must submit requests to Community Care no later than March 1 of each year to be considered for a July 1st implementation. Requests received after March 1 will be held for consideration until the next annual rate consideration period. **Please note that for 2012 only, Community Care is extending the deadline to submit requests to April 1, 2012.**

After following this process, all rate increase requests will ultimately be determined through county/Community Care review of requests against the current budget/capitation environment.

Please note that you may be contracted for more than one network for which different policies apply. Please make sure that you follow the submission guidelines for each network for which you are requesting a rate request.

If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative.