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HealthChoices Contracts:
- Allegheny
- Blair
- Berks
- Chester
- Carbon/Monroe/Pike
- Erie
- Lycoming/Clinton
- North Central
- York/Adams

Revised Rate Setting Policy

Scope: This alert applies to all HealthChoices providers, excluding Northeast, as there was no change to the Northeast Rate Setting Policy.

Purpose: To inform providers about a revision to the previous Rate Setting Policy (as described in Provider Alert #11 11.18.2009).

In an effort to more strategically coordinate provider rate requests and corresponding decisions, Community Care is issuing the attached policy: ADM017 Provider Rate Setting All Contracts (Except HealthChoices Northeast). This policy changes the time frame for submission and decisions by six (6) months, except for the York/Adams contract in which only the time frame for submission is changing.

Therefore, effective immediately, for Allegheny and Chester Counties, the deadline for rate request submissions is March 1st of each year for potential implementation by July 1st; for the York/Adams contract, the deadline for submission is January 1st of each year for potential implementation by July 1st; and for all other contracts impacted by this Provider Alert, the rate request submission deadline is September 1st of each year for potential implementation by January 1st.

Please note that as has been done in the past with various contracts, this change does not eliminate Community Care’s ability to potentially make rate adjustments at various points throughout the year.