



STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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444 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-38__

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Legislative Commission to Review
Administrative Rules
Maryanne Hruby, Executive Director
55 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Ms. Hruby:

This letter is in response to your request for the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) for the proposed rules relating to the diagnostic group classifications.

The proposed rules published in the May 30 State Register will amend the diagnostic categories for MA-eligible hospital reimbursement. Minnesota Statutes, section 256.969, Subdivision 2, allows the Commissioner to amend (reconstitute) the diagnostic categories simply by publishing in the State Register and providing a 30-day comment period. Section 256.969, Subdivision 2, in part states:

"The Commissioner may reconstitute the diagnostic categories to reflect actual hospital practices, the specific character of specialty hospitals, or to reduce variances within the diagnostic categories after notice in the State Register and a 30-day comment period."

Therefore, the Department has not prepared a SONAR to reconstitute the diagnostic categories. The Department will comply with the Laws of Minnesota 1989, chapter 155, section 1, subdivision 2 regulating exempt rules in reconstituting the diagnostic categories.

Please let me know if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Olson".

Paul Olson
Supervisor
Hospital Reimbursement
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cc: Robert Hamper



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