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- (c) Content of notice. The notice must—
- (1) Describe the proposed change in methods and standards;
- (2) Give an estimate of any expected increase or decrease in annual aggregate expenditures;
- (3) Explain why the agency is changing its methods and standards;
- (4) Identify a local agency in each county (such as the social services agency or health department) where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review;
- (5) Give an address where written comments may be sent and reviewed by the public; and
- (6) If there are public hearings, give the location, date and time for hearings or tell how this information may be obtained.
- (d) Publication of notice. The notice must—
- (1) Be published before the proposed effective date of the change; and
- (2) Appear as a public announcement in one of the following publications:
- (i) A State register similar to the FEDERAL REGISTER.
- (ii) The newspaper of widest circulation in each city with a population of 50,000 or more.
- (iii) The newspaper of widest circulation in the State, if there is no city with a population of 50,000 or more.

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Subpart C—Payment for Inpatient Hospital and Long-Term Care Facility Services

SOURCE: 46 FR 47971, Sept. 30, 1981, unless otherwise noted.

§ 447.250 Basis and purpose.

(a) This subpart implements section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Act, which requires that the State plan provide for payment for hospital and long-term care facility services through the use of rates that the State finds, and makes assurances satisfactory to the Secretary, are reasonable and adequate to meet the costs that must be incurred by efficiently and economically operated facilities to provide services in conformity with State and Federal

laws, regulations, and quality and safety standards.

- (b) Section 447.253(a)(2) implements section 1902(a)(30) of the Act, which requires that payments be consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care:
- (c) Sections 447.253 (c) and (d) implement sections 1902(a)(13)(B) and 1902(a)(13)(C) of the Act, which require a State Medicaid agency to make certain assurances to the Secretary regarding increases in payments resulting solely from changes in ownerships of hospitals, NFs, and ICFs/IID.
- (d) Section 447.271 implements section 1903(i)(3) of the Act, which requires that payments for inpatient hospital services not exceed the hospital's customary charges.
- (e) Section 447.280 implements section 1913(b) of the Act, which concerns reimbursement for long-term care services furnished by swing-bed hospitals.

[48 FR 56057, Dec. 19, 1983, as amended at 57 FR 43921, Sept. 23, 1992]

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§ 447.251 Definitions.

For the purposes of this subpart—

Long-term care facility services means intermediate care facility services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) and nursing facility (NF) services.

Provider means an institution that furnishes inpatient hospital services or an institution that furnishes long-term care facility services.

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§ 447.252 State plan requirements.

- (a) The plan must provide that the requirements of this subpart are met.
- (b) The plan must specify comprehensively the methods and standards used by the agency to set payment rates in a manner consistent with § 430.10 of this chapter.
- (c) If the agency chooses to apply the cost limits established under Medicare