

UPDATE ON STATUS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TAX FEASIBILITY STUDY & RECOMMENDATION

Please join the Office of Rate Review on December 14 by telephone for a brief update on the status of the health care provider tax feasibility study and recommendation.

Based on the work plan and progress reports presented at the three stakeholder webinars in October and November, the Office of Rate Review was scheduled to receive a health care provider tax feasibility study, recommendation, and draft tax proposal on December 1, 2015 from its contractor Myers & Stauffer L.C. Based on work performed to date, the contractor has successfully concluded that of the 19 possible tax classifications, only hospital services and nursing home services may be immediately feasible for a health care provider tax. Given these findings, the Office of Rate Review and Myers & Stauffer L.C. are now working with affected stakeholders to evaluate and finalize a recommendation for a draft tax proposal for the remaining two provider types. As this effort is completed, a final comprehensive report will be released and the Office of Rate Review anticipates that this will occur on or before February 1, 2016.

Meeting Date, Time: December 14, 2015, 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Teleconference. Phone number is 1-800-315-6338, Access Code 24471

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