

STATE OF IDAHO

CATASTROPHIC HEALTH CARE COST BOARD

Policy: Conducting Medical Reviews	Policy Number: 2011-02
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**I. AUTHORITY:**

*Idaho Code § 31-3503A, 31-3504, 31-3505A, 31-3518*

**II. BACKGROUND:**

The counties in the state of Idaho and the Catastrophic Health Care Cost Program (CAT) are responsible for paying the medical costs of individuals deemed to be medically indigent. They are also required by state law to be the payer of last resort for financial assistance.

In May 2010 the Idaho Association of Counties entered into a statewide contract with a contractor to perform medical reviews on county indigent cases. The implementation of utilization management reviews of indigent cases was to aid in the determination of emergent nature of case and medical necessity.

**III. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to attempt to reduce the overall medical charges to both the counties and the state by providing for a retrospective review of records and hospital claims for medical care provided to indigent clients.

**IV. POLICY:**

- 1.) *Emergent cases, submitted on 31-day applications, in excess of \$75,000 that will be submitted to the CAT program for consideration shall be reviewed:*
  - The CAT Board requires counties conduct medical reviews on all combined applications where indigents' medical expenses are estimated or anticipated to exceed a billed rate of \$75,000.
  - The CAT program will participate and will reimburse the counties for fifty percent (50%) of the costs for reviews IF specific criteria is met. *See attached procedures.*

2.) *Individual claims under \$75,000, that will ultimately be sent to the CAT for consideration may be reviewed:*

- If a county makes a decision to conduct a review based on the complexity of a case, for CAT cases that have a billed rate **under** \$75,000, the CAT program will participate and will reimburse the counties for fifty percent (50%) of the costs for such review.


3.) *Non-Emergent cases filed on 10-Day Prior Applications*

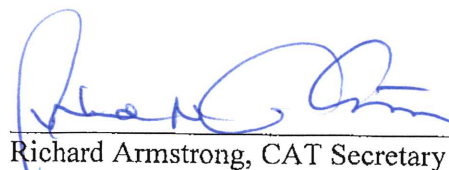
- The CAT Board will require the counties to conduct a medical review on non-emergent cases over \$11,000 in billed charges, filed as a 10-Day prior application:
  - prior to county approval
  - Prior to submission to the CAT Board.
- The CAT program will participate and will reimburse the counties for fifty percent (50%) of the costs for such review if was likely to have become a CAT case based on estimated billed charges.

#### V. **OUTCOMES AND MONITORING:**

- The CAT program will provide a spreadsheet for counties to complete to assist in tracking the information obtained, and savings incurred, from performing these reviews.
- The result of this policy is the collection of information and suggestions concerning ways to improve the process and overall effectiveness of the program.

Adopted this 28 day of Sept, 2015.

  
Roger Christensen, CAT Chairman

  
Richard Armstrong, CAT Secretary