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Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund

**2008 Assessment Manual**



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Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund (Mcare), I am pleased to make available the 2008 Mcare Assessment Manual. The 2008 Mcare assessment rate is **20%**.

This manual is intended to provide guidance and clarify procedures with regards to calculating the 2008 Mcare assessment. The 2008 Assessment Manual is to be read in its entirety, but the manual is not a substitute for reading and understanding the Mcare Act and its regulations.

Generally, coverage information and assessment payments received by Mcare within 60 days of the effective date of coverage are considered timely. Two exceptions to this rule are reporting tail coverage and reporting the second part of a bifurcated assessment.

Mcare staff is dedicated to improving Mcare programs and there are legislative changes pending; therefore, I encourage you to frequently visit Mcare's website at [www.mcare.state.pa.us](http://www.mcare.state.pa.us) for updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Adams".

Peter J. Adams  
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**2008 ASSESSMENT MANUAL**

This manual should be used as a guide to calculate the Mcare assessment for 2008 as required by Act 13 of 2002 (“Act 13”). It is essential that this manual is read in its entirety. Act 13 (40 P.S. 1303.101 et seq.) and its attending rules and regulations (31 Pa. Code §242.1 et seq.) are controlling.

The Mcare assessment is a percentage of the Pennsylvania Professional Liability Joint Underwriting Association (“JUA”) rates as approved by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. For Mcare assessment calculation purposes, the JUA rates to be used are the rates that are effective January 1, 2008. It has been determined that the 2008 assessment rate is **20%**.

 Consulting the JUA Rate Manual at [www.pajua.com](http://www.pajua.com) may provide details not specifically addressed herein.

**CONTACTING MCARE**

After reading this manual, anyone with questions regarding calculation of the Mcare assessment should submit their questions in writing to Mcare.

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Division of Policy Administration  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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[ra-in-remittance@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-in-remittance@state.pa.us)

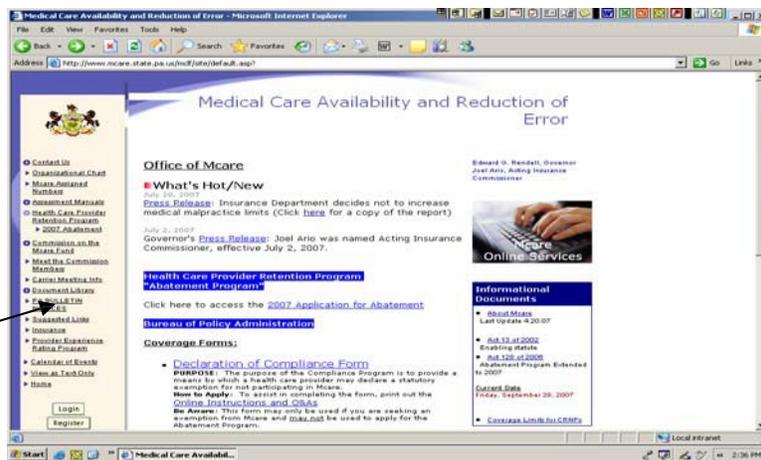
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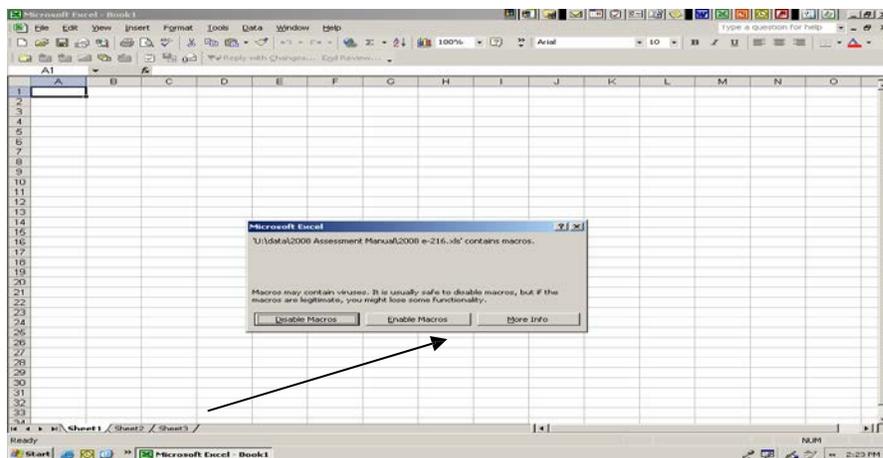
## SECTION I. REMITTANCE ADVICE (Form 216)

**GENERAL INFORMATION.** Form 216 serves as both a coverage reporting form as well as an accounting form. It is important that the hardcopy 216 is identical to its corresponding e-216. Prior written permission must be obtained from Mcare before alternate electronic submission or hardcopy only submissions will be accepted. Form e-216, along with all applicable Worksheet Exhibits, is available by:

- Visiting the Mcare web site at [www.mcare.state.pa.us](http://www.mcare.state.pa.us)
- Selecting “Assessment Manuals” from the navigation bar on the left
- Selecting the link for the appropriate year’s assessment manual
- Selecting the “Remittance Advice Form e-216” link
- Opening or saving the file



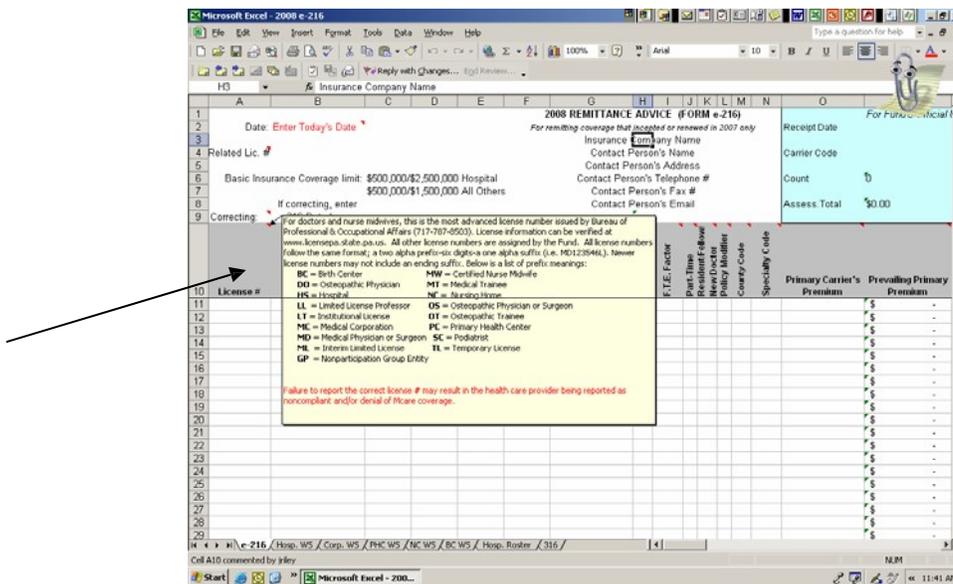
In addition to submitting a hardcopy form 216, an electronic form (e-216) is also required. Form e-216 is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that contains macros which adds functionality to the spreadsheet. When prompted to choose whether to “Disable Macros” or “Enable Macros,” please choose the “Enable Macros” button.



 If you are not prompted to “Disable Macros” or “Enable Macros,” your macro security level is set too high. Go to “Tools”, choose “Macro” and click on “Security.” Please choose “Medium” or “Low” in order to enable macros.

Form e-216 calculates the full assessment payable for physicians, podiatrists and certified nurse midwives based on the information provided in columns “A” through “N.” The worksheets will calculate the assessment for hospitals (Hosp. WS), corporations (Corp. WS), birth centers (BC WS), nursing homes (NC WS) and primary health centers (PHC WC). It is necessary for the coverage information for these entities to be added to the Form e-216. The worksheet for these entities must be submitted in addition to and along with the completed Form e-216. The worksheets, Hospital Roster, and Form 316 are tabbed at the bottom of the Form e-216.

Placing the cursor on a field with a small red triangle in the upper right-hand corner of the cell on the Form e-216 will cause a comment box to appear that describes in detail the information that is needed in that field. All applicable fields of information must be completed.



The 2008 Form e-216 is to be used to report only coverage for policies that are issued or renewed in 2008. This is because the 2008 Form e-216 will calculate the assessment based on 2008 rates. When reporting mid-term additions and deletions to an existing master policy use the effective year of the master policy to determine the applicable Form e-216 year and rates. Form e-216 is the required form to be used by all primary insurers and self-insurers, unless specifically exempted in writing by Mcare.

**NOTE:** FORM E-216 IS A TOOL TO ASSIST IN THE CALCULATION OF THE ASSESSMENT; HOWEVER, ALL ASSESSMENTS MUST BE REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY BEFORE SUBMITTING TO MCARE.

Coverage information along with collected assessment payments, if applicable, should be received by Mcare **within 60 days of the effective date of coverage**. Failure to either remit the assessment or failure to remit a sufficient assessment within 60 days of the effective date of coverage may result in both disciplinary action against a health care provider’s license or the denial of Mcare

coverage in the event of a claim against the health care provider or eligible entity.

 Select a due date for your invoice which allows sufficient time for you to comply with the 60 day reporting requirement.

**Please make checks payable to: Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund or “Mcare.”** All checks must be accompanied by a completed hardcopy Form 216 that is identical to the electronic e-216 and any applicable worksheets and supporting documentation. The remittance total must be equal to the check amount remitted unless the primary insurer or self-insurer has a prior credit balance and it is properly documented in an attached cover letter as outlined in Section II (E.) on Credit Balances.

**B. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS.** The standard for primary insurers and self-insurers submitting coverage and payment information to Mcare is to do so electronically via e-mail to Mcare at the following e-mail address: [ra-in-remittance@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-in-remittance@state.pa.us) Additionally, the hard copy and payment, if applicable, must be mailed to Mcare.\*

The **Subject line** of the e-mail must be in the following format:

Insurer’s 3 Digit Mcare #    Official e-216    Date of e-216    Check No. (if applicable)

EXAMPLE:    000 Official e-216 01/01/08 Check No. 123456

Electronic submissions may be sent in one of the following formats:

1. Exhibit 4 – Remittance Advice Form e-216.\*  
Transmit the completed Form e-216 by e-mail to Mcare or send a CD or diskette by mail along with a hard copy and the check.
2. Fixed Width Text File Format.\*  
Submissions in this format must be pre-approved by Mcare. Specifications for this format can be provided by your Mcare Policy Examiner. Once approved, submissions can be transmitted by e-mail, tape or other electronic media. This type of electronic submission is limited to new, renewal and mid-term addition business. Cancellations, corrections and endorsements must be remitted separately via Form e-216.
3. Comma Separated Value Format.\*  
Submissions in this format must be pre-approved by Mcare. Specifications for this format can be provided by your Mcare Policy Examiner. Once approved, submissions can be transmitted by email, tape or other electronic media. This type of electronic submission is limited to new, renewal and mid-term addition business. All cancellations, corrections and endorsements must be remitted separately via Form e-216.

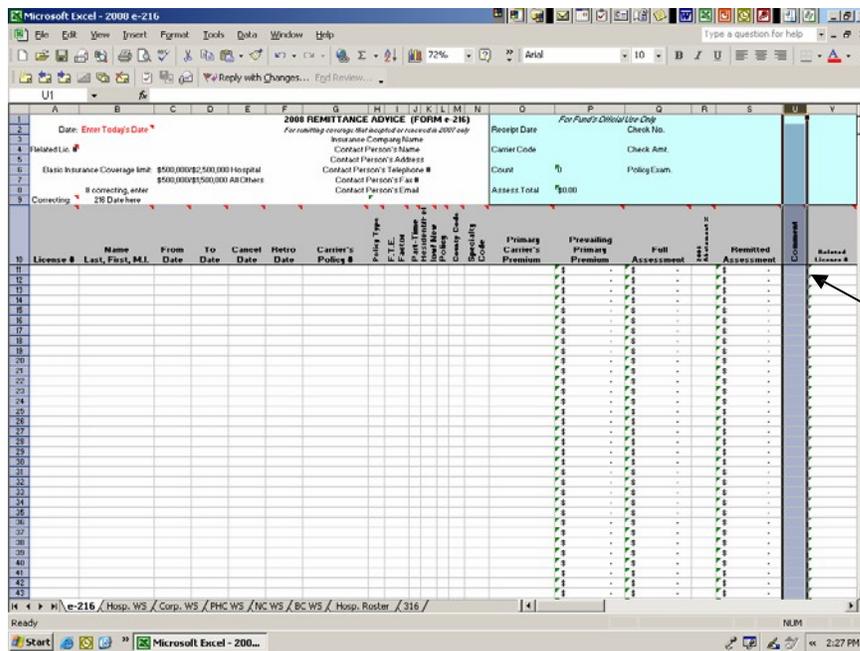
 The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s email system will not accept an email with a file size of 5 megabytes or larger. Files 5 MB or larger must be placed on a disk and mailed or divided and emailed.



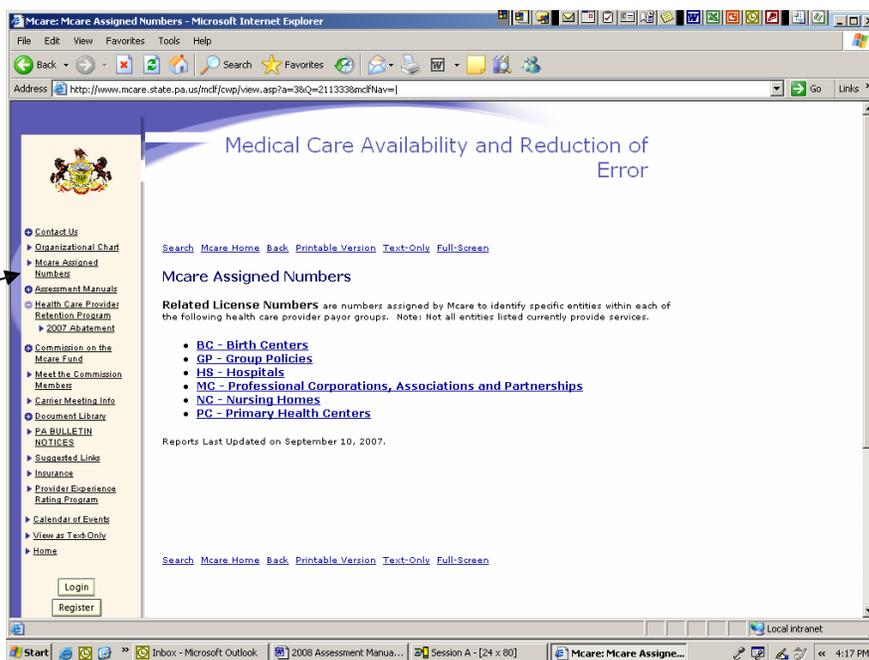
Always download a new e-216 from Mcare’s website each time you need to complete another e-216. Mcare periodically improves form e-216. Downloading a brand new form e-216 each time will ensure the latest version is used.

## SECTION II. REPORTING GUIDELINES

- A. COMMENT COLUMN.** Comments must be completed on each coverage line of the Form e-216. It is very important that this information is accurate. Please be especially careful in using the “New” for business that is new to your company versus the “Rnw” comment. Please use the “Cncl” comment only for coverage that is actually being cancelled. A description of each comment can be found on the Form e-216 by placing your cursor on the red triangle at the top of the Comment column.



- B. RELATED LICENSE NUMBERS** are license numbers assigned by Mcare to identify specific hospitals (HS), corporations (MC) or groups (GP). Mcare assigns a GP number to a nonparticipating entity whenever a group of health care providers are reported under the same policy. Mcare identifies the specific related hospital, corporation, or group that individual health care providers are employed by or affiliated with for rating and statistical purposes. Related license numbers can be found on the Mcare website on the Navigation bar under the link for Mcare Assigned Numbers.



When submitting a Form e-216 for health care providers employed by one related license number, indicate the McCare issued related license number in the related license number field at the top of the Form e-216 (cell B4). This will automatically populate the related license number in the V column on the Form e-216.

If submitting a Form e-216 with multiple related license numbers, please type the related license number in the V column of the Form e-216 corresponding with each line of coverage. One continuous Form e-216 per remittance should be e-mailed regardless of how many related license numbers are reported. If this is problematic, please contact the Policy Examiner who handles your account. Please type the corresponding name of the hospital, corporation, or group as a heading in the name column on the line above each group of health care providers having the same related license number.



**2008 REMITTANCE ADVICE (FORM e-216)**  
*For remitting coverage that inception or renewed in 2008 only*

ABC Brokerage  
 Susan Anderson, Account Manager  
 7851 Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111  
 (xxx) xxx-xxxx  
 (xxx) xxx-xxxx  
[sanderson@abc.com](mailto:sanderson@abc.com)

**For Fund's Official Use Only**  
 Receipt Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Carrier Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Count: 12 Policy Exam.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assess.Total: \$0.00

License #	Name Last, First, M.I.	From Date	To Date	Cancel Date	Retro Date	Carrier's Policy #	Policy Type	F.I.E. Factor	Past-Time Resident/Fell	New Policy	County Code	Specialty Code	Primary Carrier's Premium	Prevailing Primary Premium	Full Assessment	Remitted Assessment	Comment	Related License	
ABC Hospital of Pennsylvania																			
MD-XXXXXX-L	Ray, James L	07/01/08	07/01/09		01/01/03	ABC-7890	CM	1.000			51	03531	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 59,148.00	\$ 11,830.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	HS-000777-L
MD-XXXXXX-L	Adams, Donald T	07/01/08	07/01/09		05/04/03	ABC-7890	CM	1.000			51	03531	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 59,148.00	\$ 11,830.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	HS-000777-L
MD-XXXXXX-L	Susan, Marie O	07/01/08	07/01/09		02/04/05	ABC-7890	CM	1.000			51	03531	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 59,148.00	\$ 11,830.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	HS-000777-L
MD-XXXXXX-L	Parks, Chung H	07/01/08	07/01/09		07/01/06	ABC-7890	CM	1.000			51	03531	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 59,148.00	\$ 11,830.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	HS-000777-L
MD-XXXXXX-L	Miller, David T	07/01/08	07/01/09		07/01/06	ABC-7890	CM	1.000			51	03531	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 59,148.00	\$ 11,830.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	HS-000777-L
MD-XXXXXX-L	King, Jacob M	07/01/08	07/01/09		07/01/05	ABC-7890	CM	1.000			51	03531	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 59,148.00	\$ 11,830.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	HS-000777-L
XYZ Corporation																			
MD-XXXXXX-L	Rodney, Joseph M	07/01/08	07/01/09		01/01/03	XYZ-3548	CM	1.000			51	10011	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 37,007.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	MC-112233-C
MD-XXXXXX-L	Baker, Kyle S	07/01/08	07/01/09		05/04/03	XYZ-3548	CM	1.000			51	10011	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 37,007.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	MC-112233-C
MD-XXXXXX-L	Ridge, Thomas L	07/01/08	07/01/09		02/04/05	XYZ-3548	CM	1.000			51	10011	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 37,007.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	MC-112233-C
MD-XXXXXX-L	Howe, David O	07/01/08	07/01/09		07/01/06	XYZ-3548	CM	1.000			51	10011	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 37,007.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	MC-112233-C
MD-XXXXXX-L	Moore, Delores C	07/01/08	07/01/09		07/01/06	XYZ-3548	CM	1.000			51	10011	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 37,007.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	MC-112233-C
MD-XXXXXX-L	Ensor, Maxwell T	07/01/08	07/01/09		07/01/05	XYZ-3548	CM	1.000			51	10011	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 185,035.00	\$ 37,007.00	100%	\$ -	Rnwl	MC-112233-C

**C. ENDORSEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS** must be reported to Mcare within 60 calendar days of the effective date of the cancellation or endorsement. Extended reporting endorsements (“tail”) are due to Mcare within 120 calendar days of the expiration date of the underlying claims-made coverage. When an endorsement or cancellation is reported to Mcare and the result is a credit, the credit shall be recorded on the Form e-216 with parentheses to distinguish it from a debit. Mcare calculates transactions on a pro rata basis (i.e., for a partial year of coverage).

If the reporting of a cancellation, an endorsement or the sum of an endorsement falls beyond the 60-day reporting requirement and results in an assessment credit, the cancellation or endorsement shall still be reported, but no credit will be issued or accepted by Mcare.

There are six exceptions to the no credit rule for a cancellation or endorsement that is received by Mcare beyond 60 days from the effective date of the cancellation or endorsement:

- Cancellation due to suspension or revocation of the insured’s license
- Cancellation by carrier due to nonpayment of premium
- Cancellation or endorsement submitted with the written consent of Mcare
- Abatement adjustment endorsements
- The health care provider is deceased or disabled

**ENDORSEMENTS (END).** An endorsement is a change to previously reported coverage that is not a cancellation or correction. Endorsements should be reported by simulating cancellation of the previously reported coverage effective the endorsement date. This is done by entering the original policy “From Date” and “To Date” and entering the endorsement date in the “Cancel Date” column but indicate “**END**” in the Comment column. On the next line, show the endorsement date as the “From Date” and the expiration date as the “To Date.” Also indicate “**END**” in the Comment column on this line. The Form e-216 will calculate the assessment for both of these lines. If this method is problematic, please contact your Policy Examiner for alternatives.

**ABATEMENT ADJUSTMENTS (EAB\$)** are considered endorsements by Mcare (i.e. debits or credits); however, “**EAB\$**” should be reported in the “Comment” column of the Form e-216.

**CANCELLATIONS (CNCL)** should be reported by reporting the full original policy period in the coverage “From Date” and “To Date” and inserting the cancellation date in the “Cancel Date” column. Indicate “**CNCL**” in the “Comment” column of the Form e-216. The Form e-216 will calculate the return assessment credit.



Mcare will not honor credit for an endorsement or cancellation that is reported to Mcare more than 60 days after the effective date of the endorsement or cancellation. You may wish to inform those for whom you calculate the assessment that they must have endorsement and cancellation information to you in time for you to submit such information to Mcare within 60 days of the endorsement or cancellation effective date.

**NOTE:** TRANSACTIONS SHOULD BE REPORTED AND RECEIVED AT MCARE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER. FORM e-216’S MUST BE REVIEWED AND VERIFIED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.

**D. CORRECTIONS (CORR).** Failure to provide correct information/payment to Mcare may result in a health care provider being reported to the licensing board for noncompliance. A claim being made prior to the correct information/payment being reported to Mcare may result in the denial of Mcare coverage.

The Correction Form e-216 should include a copy of the correspondence from Mcare that identified the discrepancies. To properly report a correction, reverse what was originally reported incorrectly and report a new line with the correct information. This will result in two line items on the Form e-216 per correction. The first line should show the “From Date” and the “To Date” that were originally reported, the effective date in the “Cancel Date” column, and the reverse of the incorrect assessment amount that was originally submitted (if originally reported a debit, report a credit of the same amount and if originally reported a credit, report a debit of the same amount). On the next line report the correct information with the correct assessment amount. Also indicate “**CORR**” in the “Comment” column on both lines. Corrected Form e-216s should include only those health care providers being corrected. Do not resubmit entries that were previously reported correctly. The Correction Form e-216 should be given a new remittance date but also insert the remittance date of the original remittance you are correcting on the line on the e-216 that states “Correcting (date)” (Cell B9).

**E. CREDIT BALANCES.** When the total of a Form e-216 Remittance Advice results in a credit that is due to the carrier, the credit will be used as payment towards a future Form e-216. All credit balances must be carried forward to the next remittance submitted to Mcare until the credit balance is exhausted.

Credit balances belong to the carrier of record. One credit balance per carrier may be maintained. Mcare does not maintain separate credit balances per insured and Mcare does not transfer credit balances for an insured from one carrier to another. If special circumstances warrant such requests, please contact your Policy Examiner.

When remitting a Form e-216 that adds to a credit balance, a cover letter must accompany the Form e-216 referencing the last credit balance and remittance date. The letter must also state the amount of credit being added and what the new credit balance will be.

When remitting a Form e-216 that uses credits from an existing balance, a cover letter must accompany the Form e-216 referencing the last credit balance and remittance date. The letter must also state the amount of credit being used, what the new credit balance will be, or if the credit balance is used in full, what the reduced check amount is.

**NOTE:** 2002 CREDIT LETTERS MAY BE USED AS PAYMENT AGAINST A FULL ASSESSMENT THAT IS PAID, PROVIDED THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER DID NOT RECEIVE AN ABATEMENT. WHEN SUBMITTING 2002 CREDIT LETTERS ALONG WITH A FORM e-216, CREDITS SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED ON THE FORM e-216. A COVER LETTER MUST ACCOMPANY THE FORM e-216 STATING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF 2002 CREDIT LETTERS BEING DEDUCTED FROM THE FORM e-216 TOTAL. THE TOTAL 2002 CREDIT LETTER AMOUNT MUST BE SEPARATELY IDENTIFIED IN THE COVER LETTER FROM AN EXISTING CREDIT BALANCE BEING UTILIZED.

### **SECTION III. CALCULATION OF MCARE ASSESSMENT**

This section is designed to assist in the manual calculation of the Mcare Assessment for the various types of health care providers and eligible entities participating in Mcare. When two or more classifications and/or territories are applicable to coverage being reported, the assessment for the highest rated classification and/or territory will apply.

#### **A. PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS & CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES**

**REQUIRED FORM:**     EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES TO HAVE FULL ANNUALIZED, SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.

1. Determine highest rated classification. (Refer to Exhibit 3)
2. Determine highest rated territory. (Refer to Exhibit 10)
3. Locate appropriate prevailing primary premium. The assessment for a physician, podiatrist or certified nurse midwife must be calculated by multiplying the prevailing primary premium by the 2008 annual assessment rate of 20%. (Refer to Exhibit 1)
4. Apply other applicable assessment rating factors as outlined in Section IV.
5. Submit a completed Remittance Advice Form e-216.

**B. PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS  
(SPECIALTY CODE 80999)**

REQUIRED FORMS: EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)  
EXHIBIT 5 (WORKSHEET FOR PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS,  
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS)

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW PROHIBITS PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS, PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS FROM SHARING LIMITS WITH ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

A professional corporation, professional association or partnership which is entirely owned by health care providers and which elects to purchase basic insurance coverage in accordance with Section 711 of Act 13 from the JUA or from a primary insurer licensed or approved by the Insurance Department shall be required to participate in Mcare. Mcare Fund participation is limited to those structural types of professional corporations, professional associations or partnerships that were in existence on November 26, 1978. All Mcare eligible professional corporations, professional associations and partnerships must pay an appropriate assessment, even if the primary policy is provided at no cost.

Professional corporations, professional associations and partnerships that are formed under the laws of another state and provide medical services to patients in Pennsylvania are eligible to participate in Mcare provided they follow the format that is required by Pennsylvania law regarding foreign corporations.

Additionally, if an “S” corporation is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State’s Corporation Bureau as a professional corporation, is owned entirely by health care providers and elects to purchase basic insurance coverage, Fund participation is mandatory.

Proof of eligibility is required for any entities that are newly reported to Mcare. Copies of Articles of Incorporation, approved and stamped by the Pennsylvania Department of State, and a list of owners are required for professional corporations and professional associations. Copies of partnership agreements are required for partnerships. Professional corporations, professional associations and partnerships must be reported on the Remittance Advice Form e-216 and submitted along with their applicable worksheets. Reporting of mid-term endorsements, additions and deletions is not required; however, if choosing to report mid-term changes to a policy, all mid-term changes must be reported.

1. The assessment shall be calculated by computing the sum of 15% of the total 2008 unabated Mcare assessments for each shareholder, owner, partner and employed health care provider. (Refer to Example 1)

### Example 1

Five health care providers are shareholders, owners, partners or employees of Professional Corporation “Y” which provides emergency room services in Territory 1.

License #	Name	Specialty Code	County Code	HCP's Assessment	Other Rating Factors
MD123456	John Smith	03531	51	\$ 8,872	Y3
MD654321	Jane Smith	03531	51	\$ 11,830	
MD012345L	Mark Jones	03531	51	\$ 11,830	
MD054321E	Sally Jones	03531	51	\$ 11,830	
MD246810	Joseph Miller	03531	51	\$ 7,689	PT 16

The sum of the total 2008 unabated assessments for all health care providers who are shareholders, owners, partners or employees of Professional Corporation “Y” is \$7,808. (\$8,872, \$11,830, \$11,830, \$11,830 and \$7,689 = \$52,051). Thus, the 2008 assessment owed by Professional Corporation “Y” is \$8,208 (\$52,051 X 15% = \$7,808).

If any of the shareholders, owners, partners or employees have different policy dates than the professional corporation, professional association or partnership policy, they shall be listed on the worksheet with their annual 2008 unabated assessment that is effective or will be effective in the same calendar year as the professional corporation, professional association or partnership’s policy. (Refer to Example 2)

### Example 2

Professional Corporation “Z” has a policy effective from 7/01/08-7/01/09. The shareholders, owners, partners and employees have individual effective dates as follows:

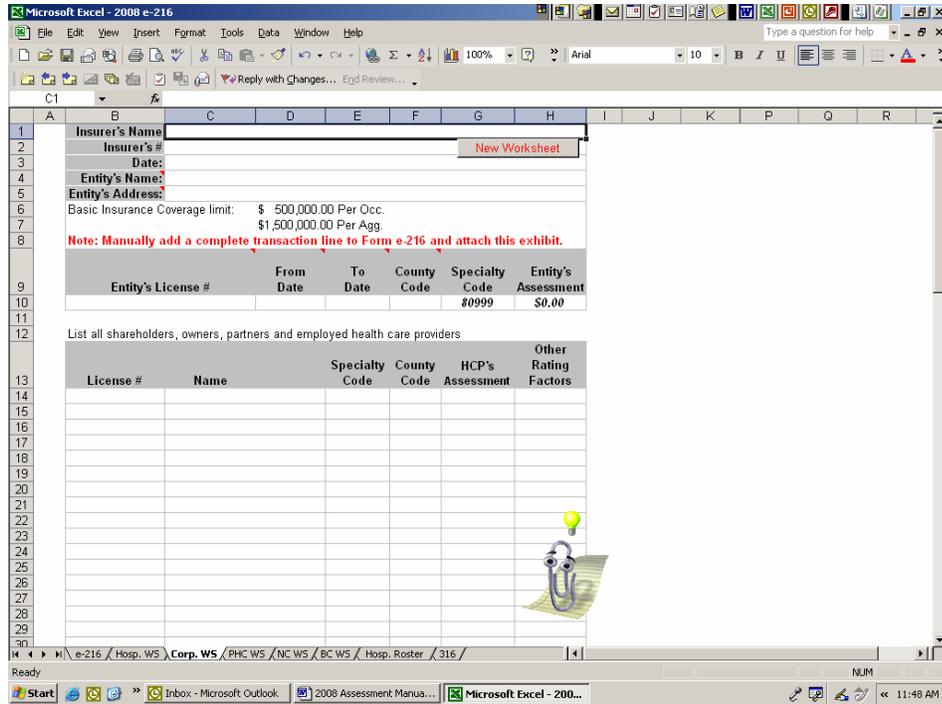
John Smith 02/01/08-02/01/09 2008 Policy  
 Jane Smith 07/01/08-07/01/09 2008 Policy  
 \*Mark Jones 11/01/08-11/01/09 2008 Policy

\*When Mark Jones renews his 2008 policy on 11/01/08, his assessment will be \$11,830. The Corporation’s assessment is based on his 2008 assessment even though it is not in effect yet at the time the Corporation renews its coverage.

License #	Name	Specialty Code	County Code	HCP's Assessment	Other Rating Factors
MD123456	John Smith	03531	51	\$ 8,872	Y3
MD654321	Jane Smith	03531	51	\$11,830	
MD012345L	Mark Jones	03531	51	\$11,830	

The sum of the total 2008 unabated assessments for all health care providers who are shareholders, owners, partners or employees of Professional Corporation “Z” is \$32,532. (\$8,872, \$11,830, \$11,830= \$32,532). The 2008 assessment owed by Professional Corporation “Z” is \$4,880 (\$32,532 X 15% = \$4,880).

2. Apply other applicable assessment rating factors as outlined in Section IV.
3. Complete the Professional Corporation, Professional Association and Partnership Worksheet (Exhibit 5) and submit with completed Remittance Advice Form e-216. List the annual unabated assessment for each health care provider on the worksheet. Indicate any discounts applied to a health care provider's assessment in the "Other Rating Factors" column. Also indicate specific health care provider addition or deletion dates in the "Other Rating Factors" column if choosing to report mid-term changes.



**NOTE:** PLEASE SUBMIT THE EXHIBIT 5 WORKSHEETS IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE e-216.

**C. HOSPITALS (SPECIALTY CODE 80612)**

**REQUIRED FORMS:** EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)  
 EXHIBIT 6 (WORKSHEET FOR HOSPITALS)  
 EXHIBIT 6A (ROSTER FOR HOSPITALS)

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES HOSPITALS TO HAVE FULL ANNUALIZED, SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.

1. Determine highest rated territory. (Refer to Exhibit 10)
2. The total prevailing primary premium for a hospital will be calculated by computing:

- a. The sum of the annual occupied bed count (patient days divided by 365 and rounded to the nearest whole number) for each of the following bed types: Hospital (acute care), Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation, Extended Care, Outpatient Surgical, and Health Institution, multiplied by the appropriate rate. (Refer to Exhibit 2)

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- b. The sum of the annual visit count for each of the following visit types: Emergency, Other, Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation, Extended Care, Outpatient Surgical, Health Institution, and Home Health Care, divided by 100 and rounded to the nearest whole number, then multiplied by the appropriate rate. (Refer to Exhibit 2)
3. The assessment for a hospital will be calculated by multiplying the total prevailing primary premium (the sum of the annual occupied bed and visit counts) by the Experience Modification Factor (as provided by Mcare), then multiplied by the annual assessment of 20%. (Mcare assessment = PPP X EMF X 20%)
  4. Apply other applicable assessment rating factors as outlined in Section IV.
  5. Complete Hospital Worksheet (Exhibit 6) and submit with completed Remittance Advice Form e-216.

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- Header Information:**
  - Insurer's Name: [Redacted]
  - Insurer's #: [Redacted]
  - Date: [Redacted]
  - Hospital's Name: [Redacted]
  - Address: [Redacted]
  - Basic Insurance Coverage limits: \$ 500,000.00 Per Occ. / \$2,500,000.00 Fwr Agg.
  - Note: Manually add a complete transaction line to Form e-216 and attach
  - Hospital's Mcare License #: [Redacted]
- List of Annual Occupied Bed Counts:**

Exposure Type:	Bed Count	Terr. 1 Rates	Terr. 2 Rates	Terr. 3 Rates	Terr. 4 Rates	Subtotal
Hospital (acute care)	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Mental Health/Mental Rehab.	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Extended Care	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Out-Patient Surgical	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Health Institution	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
- List of Annual Visit Counts:**

Exposure Type:	Total Visits	Terr. 1 Rates	Terr. 2 Rates	Terr. 3 Rates	Terr. 4 Rates	Subtotal
Emergency	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Other	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Mental Health/Mental Rehab.	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Extended Care	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Out-Patient Surgical	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Health Institution	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Home Health Care	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
- Summary Calculations:**
  - Prevailing Primary Premium: \$ -
  - Experience Modification Factor (as provided by Mcare): 1000
  - Mcare Assessment: \$0.00

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- When health care providers and other entities are covered under a policy issued to a hospital, a complete roster of all participating health care providers and Mcare eligible entities covered under that hospital policy must be submitted along with the Remittance Advice Form e-216 reporting the hospital coverage. In the case of a health system comprised of multiple hospitals, the roster for each hospital must include the health care providers who initially assume their duties at that hospital. (Refer to Exhibit 6A)

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled 'Hosp. Roster'. The spreadsheet is organized into several sections:

- Row 1:** Insurer's Name
- Row 3:** Hospital's Name:
- Row 5:** Note: Submit this exhibit along with Exhibit 6 and Form e-216.
- Row 8:** Insurer's Mcare # and Date:
- Row 10:** Hospital's Mcare License # (Please do not enter dashes), Hospital's Policy #, From Date, To Date, and County Code.
- Row 12:** List all Mcare eligible health care providers and entities for whom the above-mentioned hospital pays the assessment.
- Row 14:** HCP License # (Please do not enter dashes), Health Care Provider's Name (Format: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial), JUA Specialty Code, and For Fund Use Only.

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 A resident must participate in the Fund when the resident is eligible for an unrestricted license even if the health care provider does not receive an unrestricted license.

**D. NURSING HOMES (SPECIALTY CODE 80924)**

**REQUIRED FORMS:** EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)  
EXHIBIT 7 (WORKSHEET FOR NURSING HOMES)

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES NURSING HOMES TO HAVE FULL ANNUALIZED, SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.

1. Determine highest rated territory. (Refer to Exhibit 10)

The total prevailing primary premium will be calculated by computing the sum of the annual occupied bed count (patient days divided by 365 and rounded to the nearest whole number) for the appropriate bed type: Convalescent or Skilled Nursing, multiplied by the appropriate rate. (Refer to Exhibit 2)

Each nursing home must report either convalescent bed counts or skilled nursing bed counts, not both. If 50% or more of patients are age 65 and under, all bed counts must be reported as convalescent. If 50% or more of patients are over age 65, all bed counts must be reported as skilled nursing.

2. The assessment for a nursing home will be calculated by multiplying the total prevailing primary premium by the 2007 annual assessment of 20%.
3. Apply other applicable assessment rating factors as outlined in Section IV.
4. Complete Nursing Home Worksheet (Exhibit 7) and submit with completed Remittance Advice Form e-216.

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Nurs.Home's Address:					
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\$1,500,000.00 Per Agg.					
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Nursing Home's Mcare License #	From Date	To Date	County Code	Territory	Has the nursing home applied for abatement?
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List Annual Occupied Bed Counts						
Exposure Type	Bed Count	Terr. 1 Rates	Terr.2 Rates	Terr. 3 Rates	Terr. 4 Rates	Prevailing Primary Premium
Convalescent		0	0	0	0	\$ -
or						
Skilled Nursing		0	0	0	0	\$ -

Full Mcare Assessment	\$0.00
2008 Abatement	0%
Assessment Due	\$0.00

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**E. PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS (SPECIALTY CODE 80614)**

**REQUIRED FORMS:** EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)  
 EXHIBIT 8 (WORKSHEET FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS)

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS TO HAVE FULL ANNUALIZED, SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.

1. Determine highest rated territory. (Refer to Exhibit 10)
2. The total prevailing primary premium will be calculated by computing the sum of the annual visit count for each of the following visit types: Emergency, Other, Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation, Outpatient Surgical, and Home Health Care, divided by 100, then multiplied by the appropriate rate. (Refer to Exhibit 2)
3. The assessment for a primary health center will be calculated by multiplying the total prevailing primary premium by the 2008 annual assessment of 20%.
4. Apply other applicable assessment rating factors as outlined in Section IV.
5. Complete Primary Health Center Worksheet (Exhibit 8) and submit with completed Remittance Advice Form e-216.

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16	Emergency		0	0	0	0	\$0.00									
17																
18	Other		0	0	0	0	\$0.00									
19																
20	Mental Health/Mental Rehab.		0	0	0	0	\$0.00									
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22	Out-Patient Surgical		0	0	0	0	\$0.00									
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**F. BIRTH CENTERS (SPECIALTY CODE 80402)**

**REQUIRED FORMS:** EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)  
EXHIBIT 9 (WORKSHEET FOR BIRTH CENTERS)

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES BIRTH CENTERS TO HAVE FULL ANNUALIZED, SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.

1. The assessment will be calculated by computing the sum of 25% of the total 2008 unabated assessments for all health care providers who use the facility or who have an ownership interest. (Refer to Example 3)

**Example 3**

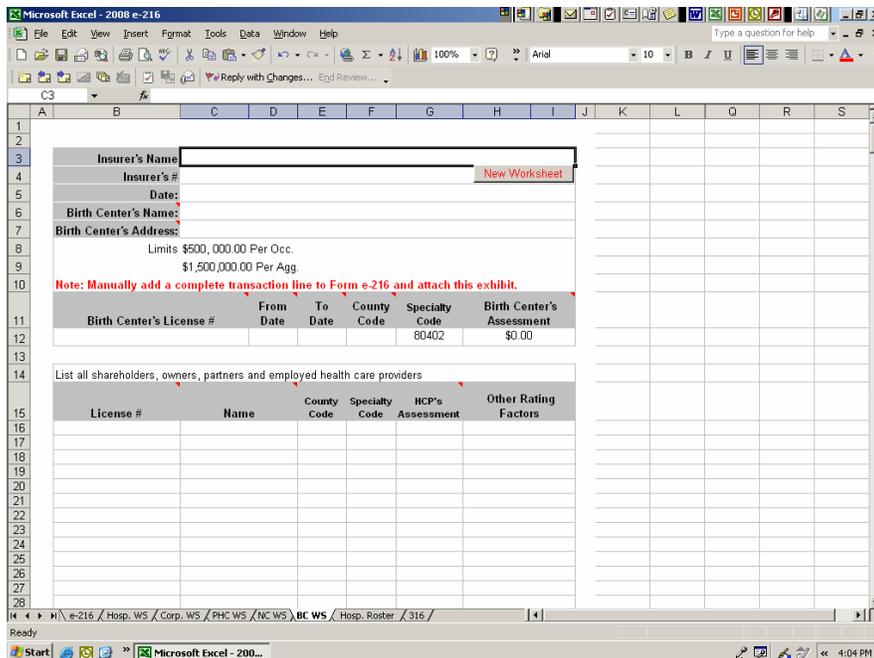
Three health care providers whose specialty codes are 08029 use or have an ownership interest in Birth Center “X” in territory 1.

License #	Name	Specialty Code	County Code	HCP's Assessment	Other Rating Factors
MD654321	Jane Smith	08029	51	\$28,588	
MD054321E	Sally Jones	08029	51	\$14,294	PT 08
MD246810	Joseph Miller	08029	51	\$28,588	

The sum of the total 2008 unabated assessments for all health care providers who use the facility or who have an ownership interest in Birth Center “X” is \$71,470. (\$28,588, \$14,294, \$28,588 = \$71,470). The 2008 assessment owed by Birth Center “X” is \$17,868 (\$71,470 X 25% = \$17,868).

- 2.

complete Birth Center Worksheet (Exhibit 9) and submit with completed Remittance Advice Form e-216.



## **G. SELF-INSURED ENTITIES**

**REQUIRED FORM:**     **EXHIBIT 4 (REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM e-216)**

**NOTE:** PENNSYLVANIA LAW REQUIRES SELF-INSURED ENTITIES TO HAVE FULL ANNUALIZED, SEPARATE AND INDIVIDUAL LIMITS.

1. Self-insured entities should follow the same procedures as primary insurers when submitting the Form e-216. All renewals and endorsements to the policy, including additions and deletions, should be received by Mcare within 60 calendar days of the effective date of the renewal, additions and/or deletions.
2. The worksheets listed below are also to be used for self-insured entities, when applicable, and must be completed and submitted along with a completed Remittance Advice Form e-216.
  - f* Exhibit 5 (Worksheet for Professional Corporations, Professional Associations & Partnerships)
  - f* Exhibit 6 (Worksheet for Hospitals)
  - f* Exhibit 7 (Worksheet for Nursing Homes)

## **SECTION IV.    ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT RATING FACTORS**

**A. PART-TIME.** Physicians, podiatrists and certified nurse midwives who advise their primary insurer or self-insurer in writing that they practice on average:

- “08”    8 Hours or less per week shall be charged 50% of the otherwise applicable Mcare assessment (50% discount).
- “16”    16 Hours or less, but more than 8 hours, per week shall be charged 65% of the otherwise applicable Mcare assessment (35% discount).
- “24”    24 Hours or less, but more than 16 hours, per week shall be charged 80% of the otherwise applicable Mcare assessment (20% discount).

**NOTE:** PART-TIME DISCOUNTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REPORTED WITH AN FTE FACTOR LESS THAN 1.000.

**B. NEW PHYSICIANS OR NEW PODIATRISTS** may receive the discount indicated herein from the otherwise applicable assessment:

- “Y1” Charge 25% of the otherwise applicable assessment for the first year of coverage (75% Discount).
- “Y2” Charge 50% of the otherwise applicable assessment for the second year of coverage (50% Discount).
- “Y3” Charge 75% of the otherwise applicable assessment for the third year of coverage (25% Discount).

The first year of coverage for a new physician (allopathic or osteopathic) or a new podiatrist begins on the date medical liability coverage is first secured if such coverage is secured within six months after:

1. The completion of (a) a residency program, (b) a fellowship program in their medical specialty or (c) podiatry school or
2. The fulfillment of a military obligation in remuneration for medical school tuition.

Such physicians or podiatrists must be either joining a medical group or opening their own medical practice. If the initial coverage is secured more than six months after (1) or (2) above first occurs, the physician or podiatrist will be considered to be in the year of coverage that would apply if coverage had first been secured within six months after (1) or (2) above.

**NOTE:** NEW PHYSICIAN AND NEW PODIATRIST DISCOUNTS MAY BE USED ONLY ONCE PER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

**C. RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS** may receive the discount indicated herein from the otherwise applicable assessment:

- “R” Charge 50% of the otherwise applicable assessment (50% Discount).

A resident or fellow is a physician or podiatrist enrolled in a medical, osteopathic or podiatry residency or fellowship program who has successfully completed the prescribed period of postgraduate education that is necessary under applicable law to become eligible for unrestricted medical, osteopathic or podiatry licensure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**NOTE:** RESIDENT/FELLOW AND NEW PHYSICIAN DISCOUNTS CANNOT BE USED TOGETHER.

**D. SLOT POSITIONS.** Only employees of an institution licensed as a hospital and a physician practice plan owned by a licensed hospital or that hospital’s corporate parent organization will be permitted to be slot-rated, based upon their clinical time only, to account for risks associated with “blocks” of in-hospital medical service exposures (i.e., several physicians rotating through one full-time equivalent position). The slot positions must be within the scope of duties and normal business of the institution and within a single medical specialty and job description. When added together, all health care providers within this one slot or block of exposure must equal one Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

When multiple health care providers fill a slot-rated position, the assessment shall be appropriately divided among them on a pro rata basis for the FTE position. If the aggregate hours of clinical time of those filling a slot exceed 40 hours per week, a new slot must be created. Each health care provider in a slot must be reported to Mcare with full, separate and individual coverage limits. Such coverage is available only for the individual professional liability of the health care providers within the slot and is not available for entities. The number of health care providers in any one slot shall be limited to 12.

Slot rating shall be limited to the following specialty codes:

Anesthesiology - Excl Maj S*	02083	Neurology - Excl Maj S	02011
General or Family Practice - NS	01520	Neurosurgery	10011
General Surgery and Internal Medicine - Maj S	07043	Obstetrics/Gynecology*	08029
Hematology - NS	00608	Orthopedic Surgery	09013
Hospitalist - NS	01522	Pathology - NS	00715
Infectious Diseases - NS	01540	Pediatrics - NS	01067
Intensive Care Medicine	01589	Psychiatry - NS*	00619
Internal Medicine - NS	01510	Radiology - Excl Maj S*	02260
Internal Medicine*	03010	Rehabilitation/Physiatry - NS	00621
Neonatology - NS	01541	Trauma - Maj S	07084
		Urgent Care - Excl Maj S*	03531

\*See Exhibit 3 for Complete Specialty Code Description

Slot coverage is not available to health care providers associated with group practices for non-hospital environments or to groups that contract to provide medical services within a hospital. Slot rating is not available to a health care provider who works full-time in one specialty (37.5 hours or more per week) at an institution, unless the position is a rotating resident position.

When a health care provider leaves a slot-rated position, but the slot remains open, slot tail must be reported for the health care provider who is leaving. Please provide notification to Mcare in your cover letter when a new slot is opened or an existing slot is closed. If the last health care provider in a slot leaves and the slot closes, tail must be reported for the entire slot on that last health care provider's reported tail coverage. Indicate the retroactive date of the slot in the cover letter and the retroactive date of the health care provider on the e-216. If the retroactive date of the slot (not the last health care provider in the slot) is prior to January 1, 1997, a surcharge is due to Mcare based upon 1996 tail rates and surcharge percentage.

**NOTE:** PART-TIME DISCOUNTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REPORTED WITH AN FTE FACTOR LESS THAN 1.000.

**E. LOCUM TENENS.** Taken from the Latin "to hold the place of, to substitute," a locum tenens health care provider is one who contracts with a medical facility or group, to temporarily supply health

care services while a permanent health care provider is absent, for a specified length of time. This term shall also include health care providers who are temporarily engaged to assist during peak periods of the year, test market new services in a community, expand services into new geographical areas and care for patients while new permanent health care providers are recruited.

**INDIVIDUAL LOCUM TENENS POLICIES:** For individual physicians who provide health care services in locum tenens and are participating health care providers, the assessment shall be reported on a short-term basis for the specific dates being covered. If written on a claims-made basis, tail coverage or its substantial equivalent must be provided and reported to Mcare upon termination of the claims-made coverage.

**GROUP LOCUM TENENS POLICIES:** For physician groups who provide health care services in locum tenens and are participating health care providers, the assessment shall be prorated through use of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) and reported for the full annual policy period. Calculate the FTE based on the estimated total number of days included for each locum tenens assignment. At the end of the policy period the FTE should be adjusted for actual total number of days included for each assignment. (Refer to Example 4)

Example 4:

The policy period reported is 2/1/08 – 2/1/09. A health care provider has the following assignments in PA: 2/6/08-2/25/08 (20 days), 5/1/08-5/26/08 (26 days), 7/10/08-7/29/08 (20 days), 9/18/08-10/14/08 (27 days), and 11/13/08-12/17/08 (35 days) = a total of 128 days of locum tenens assignment in PA divided by 365 days a year ( $128 \div 365 = 0.35$ ). The FTE reported would be 0.350. Note: 365 days should also be used in a leap year.

Tail coverage or its substantial equivalent must be provided and reported for physicians who end their assignments in Pennsylvania with the locum tenens group if coverage is written on a claims-made basis.

**NOTE:** PART-TIME DISCOUNTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS REPORTED WITH AN FTE FACTOR LESS THAN 1.000.

- F. PRIOR ACTS (“NOSE”) AND RETROACTIVE (“RETRO”) COVERAGE.** When a separate prior acts endorsement is issued on an occurrence policy that provides nose coverage for a claims-made period that paid a surcharge based on 1996 and prior years’ rates, a surcharge will be due. The surcharge shall be 164% of the prior acts premium charged by the primary insurer only for that portion that covers a claims-made period that paid a surcharge based on 1996 and prior years’ rates. No additional assessment is due on retro coverage reported on claims-made policies. Please note that Mcare will not accept retro coverage that covers any period of time wherein previous underlying claims-made coverage has not been reported to Mcare.
- G. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD (“TAIL”) COVERAGE.** Following cancellation, termination or nonrenewal of claims-made coverage in Pennsylvania, a primary insurer writing medical professional liability insurance on a claims-made basis is required to offer, for a period of 60 calendar days, liability protection to a health care provider, eligible professional corporation,

professional association or partnership for the liability previously covered by the primary insurer, subsequent to the cancellation, termination or nonrenewal of the claims-made policy.

Tail coverage, regardless of whether it involves the payment of a surcharge, must be submitted to Mcare within 120 calendar days of the cancellation, termination, or nonrenewal of the underlying claims-made coverage.

For claims-made policies with retro dates that are for a period that originally paid a surcharge based on 1996 and prior years' rates, a surcharge will be due. The tail surcharge shall be 164% of the tail premium calculated by the primary insurer using their 1996 rates for only that portion of the tail covering claims-made periods prior to the expiration of the 1996 coverage. (See Example 5, on the following page). There must be a surcharge paid for tails written for claims-made policies with retro dates for periods that originally paid a surcharge based on 1996 and prior years' rates even if the carrier offers the primary tail at no charge. For claims-made policies with retro dates for periods that paid a surcharge based on 1997 and subsequent years' rates, there is no surcharge or assessment due for the tail (See Example 6, on the following page).

Example 5:

Claims-made Policy: 7/1/95 - 7/1/96  
Claims-made Policy: 7/1/96 - 7/1/97  
Claims-made Policy: 7/1/97 - 7/1/98  
Claims-made Policy: 7/1/98 - 7/1/99  
Tail Policy: 7/1/95 - 7/1/99

This Health Care Provider retiring on 7/1/99 would owe a surcharge equivalent to 164% of what he/she would have been charged for tail coverage for the period 7/1/95 - 7/1/97.

Example 6:

Claims-made Policy: 7/1/01 - 7/1/02  
Claims-made Policy: 7/1/02 - 7/1/03  
Tail Policy: 7/1/01 - 7/1/03

This Health Care Provider retiring on 7/1/03 would owe no surcharge for tail coverage.

**NOTE:** FOR PRIMARY INSURERS WHO DID NOT HAVE APPROVED RATES IN PENNSYLVANIA PRIOR TO 1997, TAIL SHOULD BE CALCULATED BY USING THE 1996 RATES OF **PMSLIC** (FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES, PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS & BIRTH CENTERS) AND **PHICO** (FOR HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES & PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS). The **PMSLIC** and **PHICO** TAIL RATES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MCALE WEBSITE [www.mcare.state.pa.us](http://www.mcare.state.pa.us).

Mcare recognizes two types of extended reporting period coverage. Primary insurers must report on Form e-216 a policy type of "ERP" for tail coverage that is an endorsement to the last claims-made policy or "SAT" for tail coverage that is stand-alone tail.

- **“ERP” EXTENDED REPORTING ENDORSEMENT.** Extended reporting endorsements shall be treated as endorsements to the last underlying claims-made policy that was properly reported to Mcare. Mcare’s limits of liability are clearly established pursuant to Act 13 of 2002. A separate aggregate limit for tail endorsements does not exist. Instead, extended reporting endorsements share the aggregate limit of the last properly reported claims-made policy.
- **“SAT” STAND-ALONE TAIL.** Stand-alone tail coverage is written as a completely separate policy. Generally, a primary insurer other than the primary insurer

of record for the last claims-made policy will underwrite this type of tail policy.

**H. BIFURCATION (BIFU).** If a health care provider changes the effective date of their professional liability coverage and that change results in a health care provider receiving more than 12 months of the same assessment rate, then the appropriate assessment will be bifurcated to include the assessment percentages applicable to each calendar year over which the new policy is in effect. This allows only 12 months maximum at the same assessment rate for the year that the policy effective date was changed. Report each portion of the bifurcated assessment on separate Remittance Advice Forms e-216 applicable to the rate year that is being paid (i.e., for the example below report 7/1/07 to 1/1/08 on a line on a 2007 Remittance Advice Form e-216 using the 2007 rates and report 1/1/08 to 7/1/08 on a line on a 2008 Remittance Advice Form e-216 using the 2008 rates). Indicate “BIFU” in the Comment column of the Forms e-216 on both lines of coverage. (Refer to Example 7)

 Select a due date for your invoice for the second portion of the bifurcation which allows sufficient time for you to comply with the 60 day reporting rule.

**NOTE:** THE ASSESSMENT FOR SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL RENEWALS SHOULD NOT BE BIFURCATED AGAIN AND MAY RESULT IN A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER RECEIVING MORE THAN 12 MONTHS OF THE SAME ASSESSMENT RATE.

Example 7:

A health care provider has a policy from February 1, 2007 to February 1, 2008. The 2007 assessment (23%) was reported on this policy. On July 1, 2007, the health care provider cancels his policy and purchases a new policy for the period of July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008.

- (1) The assessment shall be prorated from July 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008 using the 2007 assessment (23%).
- (2) The policy period from January 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008 shall be prorated by using the 2008 assessment (20%).
- (3) Upon renewal of the July 1, 2008 policy, the 2008 assessment (20%) will be applied for the full annual period.

	2/1/2007 to 2/1/2008	(23%)
Cancelled	(7/1/2007 to 2/1/2008)	(23%)
	7/1/2007 to 1/1/2008	(23%)
	1/1/2008 to 7/1/2008	(20%)
	7/1/2008 to 7/1/2009	(20%)

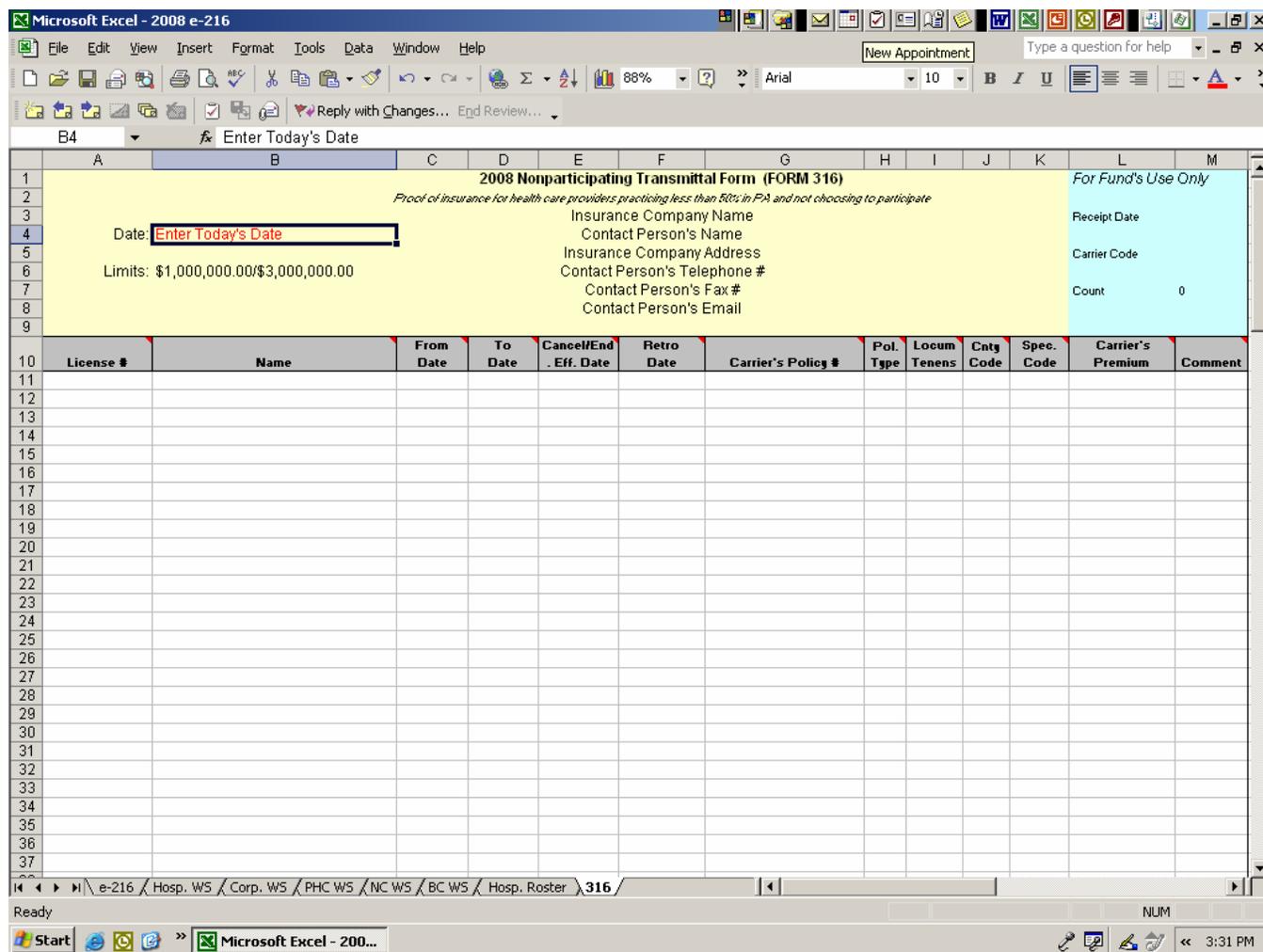
**I. ABATEMENT. [Reserved]**

## **SECTION V. NONPARTICIPATING TRANSMITTAL (FORM 316)**

**A. GENERAL INFORMATION.** The Nonparticipating Transmittal Form 316 is the required form to be used by primary insurers and self-insurers who provide coverage to nonparticipating health care providers. A nonparticipating health care provider is a health care provider as defined in Section 103 of Act 13 that conducts less than 50% but more than 0% of their health care business or practice

within this Commonwealth and does not choose to participate in Mcare. The health care business or practice, as defined in Section 702, is based on the number of patients to whom health care services are rendered by a health care provider within an annual policy period.

Nonparticipating health care providers must secure basic insurance coverage limits as required by and consistent with Act 13 of 2002. Current coverage limits are \$1 million per occurrence or claim and \$3 million per annual aggregate.



**B. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS.** The Nonparticipating Transmittal Form 316 can be found as a tab (316) on the Exhibit 4 - Electronic Remittance Advice Form e-216 and is listed as Exhibit 4A in this Manual.

## SECTION VI. MCARE INVOICING

**A. ABATEMENT REPAYMENT.** The Health Care Provider Retention Program requires a health care provider who was granted abatement to repay the abatement received if the health care provider ceases providing health care services in the Commonwealth prior to the end of the retention period.

Repayment of the abatement should be paid directly to Mcare rather than to the health care provider's primary malpractice insurer or insurance broker.

Generally, a health care provider is responsible for repayment of the abatement if the retention pledge is not fulfilled. While the applicable law requires the "pledging" health care provider to be personally responsible for repayment, we recognize there may be circumstances in which another entity may be involved in the repayment of the abatement. Mcare will not get involved in any of these third-party contractual disputes. Repayment is the sole responsibility of the abated health care provider.

Health care providers who have an obligation to repay an abatement but do not do so within 30 days of notice sent by Mcare requesting repayment will be deemed to not have paid their penalty obligations for the malpractice policies for which the abatement was granted. In such circumstances, Mcare coverage will not be available for claims reported to the health care provider, to the health care provider's primary insurer or to Mcare 30 days or more after the abatement repayment notice was sent by Mcare to the health care provider. However, as of the date Mcare receives the abatement repayment from the health care provider, this will no longer be a basis for denial of Mcare coverage. Also, the amount owed for an abatement repayment is a tax obligation under PA law and failure to repay abatements may subject the health care provider to disciplinary action by licensing boards and authorities for noncompliance with Pennsylvania's mandatory malpractice requirements.

**B. EXPERIENCE RATING FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OTHER THAN HOSPITALS.** Section 712(g) of Act 13 of 2002 requires Mcare to adjust the assessment of each participating health care provider, other than hospitals, in accordance with the severity and frequency of claims paid by Mcare on behalf of the health care provider during the past five most recent claims periods. Mcare will implement this program effective January 1, 2008, utilizing the claims year payments for the five year period of 2003-2007 as the determinate years or claims periods.

Mcare will invoice the health care providers, other than hospitals, subject to these experience rating adjustment(s). The invoice will list the experience rating adjustment(s) applicable to that health care provider for all policies that become effective or are renewed during the calendar year of the experience rating adjustment, as well as date the experience rating adjustment must be paid.

The experience rated adjustment will be calculated by using the unabated, undiscounted assessment times the experience rated adjustment percentage (10% or 20%) to arrive at the adjustment balance experience rating invoice amount. (Unabated, undiscounted assessment X % = Experience Rating Invoice Amount)

- f* A 10% adjustment will be applicable to a health care provider's prevailing primary premium if 3 claims have been paid by Mcare during the past 5 most recent claims years.
- f* A 20% adjustment will be applicable to a health care provider's prevailing primary premium if 4 or more claims have been paid by Mcare during the past 5 most recent claims years.
- f* A 20% adjustment will be applicable to a health care provider's prevailing primary premium if the health care provider had at least 2 claims, based on severity, paid by Mcare during the past 5 most recent years, and if the health care provider has not had

3 or more claims with Mcare payments. A claim of high severity is one in which a total of \$500,000 or more has been paid as a result of a settlement or judgment during the most recent 5 calendar years.

Other considerations:

- f* The **count** of claim payments (frequency) will consider only claims for which the Mcare Fund made a payment.
- f* The amount **paid** (severity) on a claim will include indemnity payments only (i.e. cash, annuity costs, administration fees and delay damages). Claims payments include all payments from all parties, not just Mcare payments. Thus, indemnity payments made by any primary insurer, or entity, not just Mcare will be included in the payment calculation.
- f* Individual participating health care providers include physicians, podiatrists, nurse midwives, nursing homes, birth centers and primary health centers, but not hospitals.
- f* Any adjustment will be applicable to the undiscounted and unabated assessment of a health care provider for claims paid by Mcare (of any amount) in the most recent five calendar years. This adjustment factor will be applicable to all of that health care provider's assessments for policies that have an effective or renewal date during the calendar year following the five year period during which the health care provider had claims paid by Mcare.
- f* Any adjustment based upon severity will be applicable to the undiscounted and unabated assessment if a health care provider is not subject to an adjustment for frequency of claims, but had at least two claims based on severity. A claim of high severity is one in which a total of \$500,000 or more has been paid as a result of a settlement or judgment during the most recent five calendar years. This adjustment factor will be applicable to all of that health care provider's assessments for policies that have an effective or renewal date during the calendar year following the five year period during which the health care provider had two severe claims paid but did not have three or more claims with Mcare payments.
- f* Mcare will send invoices to the health care providers subject to an experience rating adjustment. Mcare will not expect primary insurers to collect and remit the experience rating adjustments. The invoice sent to a health care provider will note the experience rating adjustment applicable to that health care provider for all policies that become effective or are renewed during the calendar year of the experience rating adjustment, as well as provide the date the experience rating adjustment must be paid (i.e., the "past due date").
- f* If a health care provider's coverage is cancelled under this program, the experience rated portion of the assessment is not refundable. If this cancellation is a result of the health care provider switching carriers and replacing a policy, Mcare will have the capability with an Accounts Receivable system to eliminate this double assessment.

*f* Under this program, outstanding or unpaid experience rated adjustments will result in a denial of claims coverage only as to claims applicable to the line or lines of coverage which have an outstanding experience rated amount. Coverage denial will only apply for the assessment year(s) of non-payment. If an experience rated adjustment is not paid within sixty calendar days of the date Mcare sends the health care provider notice of the adjustment, said health care provider will be considered in noncompliance.

Questions regarding experience rating should be directed to the Director of Medical Malpractice Administration at (717) 783-3770.

## SECTION VII. LINKS TO OTHER RELATED WEBSITES

The links included in this section may be of use to individuals completing Form e-216 and/or other worksheets.

- f*      **INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**  
<http://www.ins.state.pa.us>
  
- f*                      **MCARE FUND**  
<http://www.mcare.state.pa.us>
  
- f*      **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
<http://www.dos.state.pa.us>
  
- f*                      **BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS LICENSURE BOARD**  
<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa>
  
- f*                      **LICENSE VERIFICATION**  
<http://www.licensepa.state.pa.us>
  
- f*                      **CORPORATION BUREAU**  
<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/corps>
  
- f*      **PENNSYLVANIA PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION (JUA)**  
<http://www.pajua.com>

## SECTION VII. JUA DEFINITIONS

The definitions supplied in this Section are in accordance with the Pennsylvania Professional Liability Joint Underwriting Association (“JUA”). When completing the necessary forms and/or worksheets, it is important that you keep the following definitions in mind:

### 1. Beds

The number of beds equals the daily average number of occupied beds, cribs and bassinets used for patients during the previous policy period. The unit of exposure is each bed, computed by dividing the sum of the daily numbers of beds, cribs and bassinets used for patients for each day of the policy period, by the number of days in such period.

### 2. Convalescent Facilities

Convalescent Facilities are free-standing facilities which provide skilled nursing care and treatment for patients requiring continuous health care, but do not provide any hospital services (such as surgery); and 50% or more of their patients are under 65.

### 3. Extended Care

All beds located within a hospital, licensed by the state and utilized for patients requiring either skilled nursing care or the supervision of skilled nursing care on a continuous and extended basis.

### 4. Health Institutions

Health Institutions are facilities that provide non-surgical medical treatment other than as described under Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation.

### 5. Home Health Care

Home Health Care Services are organizations which provide nursing, physical therapy, housekeeping and related services to patients at their residences.

### 6. Hospital

Hospitals are facilities treating all general or special medical and surgical cases, including sanitariums with surgical operating room facilities.

### 7. Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation

Mental Health and Mental Rehabilitation are facilities that provide non-surgical medical intervention for:

- a. Short term crisis stabilization for mental health and substance abuse; and
- b. Long-term mental health rehabilitation.

This includes facilities that assist individuals to develop or improve task and role-related skills, and social and environmental supports needed to perform as successfully and independently as possible at home, family, school, work, socialization, recreations and other community living roles and environments.

**8. Outpatient Surgical**

Outpatient Surgical Facilities are facilities that provide surgical procedures on an outpatient (same day) basis. Beds are used primarily for recovery purposes, and overnight stays, if any, are the exception.

**9. Primary Health Center**

Primary Health Center means a community-based non-profit corporation meeting standards prescribed by the Department of Health, which provides preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, and basic emergency health care by licensed practitioners who are employees of the corporation or under contract to the corporation.

**10. Skilled Nursing Facilities**

Skilled Nursing Facilities are freestanding facilities which provide the same service as a Convalescent Facility, except that 50% or more of their patients are over 65.

**11. Visits**

The number of visits equals the total number of visits to the institution (regardless of the number of visits to particular departments within such institution) by outpatients (patients not receiving bed and board services), during the previous policy period. The unit of exposure is each 100 visits.

Exhibit 1  
Year 2008  
20%

Physicians, Surgeons, Podiatrists, and Certified Nurse Midwives  
Prevailing Primary Premium / Assessment\*

\*Note the Assessment Value is Unabated

Class	Territory 1		Territory 2		Territory 3		Territory 4		Territory 5		Territory 6		
	PPP	Assess											
006	7,886	1,577	3,628	726	3,991	798	5,804	1,161	6,893	1,379	4,716	943	006
007	17,868	3,574	8,219	1,644	9,041	1,808	13,151	2,630	15,616	3,123	10,685	2,137	007
010	13,308	2,662	6,122	1,224	6,734	1,347	9,795	1,959	11,631	2,326	7,958	1,592	010
012	28,342	5,668	13,037	2,607	14,341	2,868	20,860	4,172	24,771	4,954	16,948	3,390	012
015	24,645	4,929	11,337	2,267	12,470	2,494	18,139	3,628	21,540	4,308	14,738	2,948	015
020	33,271	6,654	15,305	3,061	16,835	3,367	24,487	4,897	29,079	5,816	19,896	3,979	020
022	44,361	8,872	20,406	4,081	22,447	4,489	32,650	6,530	38,772	7,754	26,528	5,306	022
030	48,058	9,612	22,107	4,421	24,317	4,863	35,371	7,074	42,002	8,400	28,739	5,748	030
035	59,148	11,830	27,208	5,442	29,929	5,986	43,533	8,707	51,695	10,339	35,371	7,074	035
050	66,147	13,229	30,428	6,086	33,470	6,694	48,684	9,737	57,813	11,563	39,556	7,911	050
060	82,561	16,512	37,978	7,596	41,776	8,355	60,765	12,153	72,158	14,432	49,371	9,874	060
070	128,154	25,631	58,951	11,790	64,846	12,969	94,321	18,864	112,007	22,401	76,636	15,327	070
080	142,941	28,588	65,753	13,151	72,328	14,466	105,205	21,041	124,930	24,986	85,479	17,096	080
090	97,175	19,435	44,701	8,940	49,171	9,834	71,521	14,304	84,931	16,986	58,111	11,622	090
100	185,035	37,007	85,116	17,023	93,628	18,726	136,186	27,237	161,720	32,344	110,651	22,130	100
120	6,457	1,291	2,970	594	3,267	653	4,752	950	5,643	1,129	3,861	772	120
130	33,665	6,733	15,486	3,097	17,035	3,407	24,777	4,955	29,423	5,885	20,132	4,026	130
900	31,398	6,280	14,443	2,889	15,887	3,177	23,109	4,622	27,442	5,488	18,776	3,755	900

Certified Nurse Midwife = 900 80116  
Podiatrist Non-surgical = 120 80993  
Podiatrist Surgical = 130 80994

Territory 1= Philadelphia (51)

Territory 2= Reminder of State (01, 04-06, 08, 10-14, 16-18, 21, 24, 27-32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 42, 44, 47, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55-62, 64, 66, 67)

Territory 3= Allegheny (02), Armstrong (03), Jefferson (33), Washington (63), Westmoreland (65)

Territory 4= Bucks (09), Chester (15), Fayette (26), Montgomery (46)

Territory 5= Delaware (23)

Territory 6= Blair (07), Columbia (19), Crawford (20), Dauphin (22), Erie (25), Lackawanna (35), Lawrence (37), Lehigh (39), Luzerne (40), Mercer (43), Monroe (45), Northampton (48), Schuylkill (54)

**EXHIBIT 2**  
**Year 2008 Prevailing Primary Premiums**  
**Rates for Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Primary Health Centers**

EXPOSURE BASE	EXPOSURE TYPE***	RATE	RATE	RATE	RATE
		Territory			
HOSPITALS		1	2	3	4
Per Occ Bed	Hospital (Acute Care)	9011.76	4001.21	5010.53	8011.46
Per Occ Bed	Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation	4509.74	2002.33	2507.41	4009.14
Per Occ Bed	Extended Care	401.21	178.12	223.06	356.66
Per Occ Bed	Outpatient Surgical	9011.76	4001.21	5010.53	8011.46
Per Occ Bed	Health Institution	1805.44	801.62	1003.83	1605.02
Per 100 Visits	Emergency	900.79	399.96	500.84	800.82
Per 100 Visits	Other	360.32	159.99	200.34	320.34
Per 100 Visits	Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation	225.21	99.99	125.19	200.19
Per 100 Visits	Extended Care	20.00	8.89	11.11	17.79
Per 100 Visits	Outpatient Surgical	900.79	399.96	500.84	800.82
Per 100 Visits	Health Institution	135.10	59.99	75.13	120.11
Per 100 Visits	Home Health Care	225.21	99.99	125.19	200.19
NURSING HOMES					
Per Occupied Bed	Convalescent	612.79	272.08	340.72	544.78
Per Occupied Bed	Skilled Nursing	504.66	224.08	280.60	448.65
PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS					
Per 100 Visits	Emergency	886.41	393.56	492.84	788.01
Per 100 Visits	Other	354.57	157.41	197.13	315.21
Per 100 Visits	Mental Health/Mental Rehabilitation	221.62	98.41	123.22	197.05
Per 100 Visits	Outpatient Surgical	886.41	393.56	492.84	788.01
Per 100 Visits	Home Health Care	221.62	98.41	123.22	197.05

Territory 1: Delaware (23), Philadelphia (51)

Territory 2: Remainder of State

Territory 3: Allegheny (02), Crawford (20), Erie (25), Lackawanna (35), Lawrence (37), Luzerne (40), Mercer (43)

Territory 4: Bucks (09), Chester (15), Montgomery (46)

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Revised Hospital Factors:

Acute Care	Territory 2 changed to \$4,001.21
MH/MR	Territory 2 changed to \$2,002.33
Home HC	Territory 1 changed to \$225.21

v.1 3.6.08

Revised Hospital Bed Rates

v.2 6.23.08

### EXHIBIT 3

## PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS SPECIALTY CLASSIFICATION CODES

### CLASS 006 PHYSICIANS - NO SURGERY

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who do not perform obstetrical procedures or surgery (other than incision of boils and superficial abscesses or suturing of skin and superficial fascia), who do not assist in surgical procedures, and who do not perform any of the procedures determined to be extra-hazardous by the Association.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
00634	Administrative Medicine – No Surgery
00689	Aerospace Medicine
00602	Allergy/Immunology – No Surgery
00608	Hematology – No Surgery
00688	Independent Medical Examiner
00609	Industrial/Occupational Medicine – No Surgery
00687	Laryngology – No Surgery
00685	Nutrition
00612	Ophthalmology – No Surgery
00665	Otolaryngology or Otorhinolaryngology – No Surgery
00684	Otology – No Surgery
00682	Pharmacology – Clinical
00637	Physicians – Practice limited to Acupuncture (other than acupuncture anesthesia)
00617	Preventive Medicine – No Surgery
00618	Proctology – No Surgery
00619	Psychiatry – No Surgery, including Psychoanalysts who treat physical ailments, perform electro-convulsive procedures or employ extensive drug therapy.
00650	Psychoanalysts who do not treat physical ailments do not perform electro-convulsive procedures and whose use of medication is minimal in order to support the analytic treatment and is never the primary or sole form of treatment shall be eligible for this classification. Except, practitioners of this medical specialty are ineligible for this classification if 25% or more of their patients receive medication.
00621	Rehabilitation/Physiatry – No Surgery
00645	Rheumatology – No Surgery
00681	Rhinology – No Surgery
00623	Urology – No Surgery
00656	Utilization Review
00699	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified – No Surgery (NOC)

### **CLASS 007 PHYSICIANS - NO SURGERY**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who do not perform obstetrical procedures or surgery (other than incision of boils and superficial abscesses or suturing of skin and superficial fascia), who do not assist in surgical procedures, and who do not perform any of the procedures determined to be extra-hazardous by the Association.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
00758	Hematology/Oncology – No Surgery
00786	Neoplastic Diseases – No Surgery
00742	Nephrology – No Surgery
00743	Oncology – No Surgery
00715	Pathology – No Surgery
00799	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified – No Surgery (NOC)

### **CLASS 010 PHYSICIANS - NO SURGERY**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who do not perform obstetrical procedures or surgery (other than incision of boils and superficial abscesses or suturing of skin and superficial fascia), who do not assist in surgical procedures, and who do not perform any of the procedures determined to be extra-hazardous by the Association.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
01035	Bariatrics – No Surgery
01004	Dermatology – Excluding Major Surgery
01037	Endocrinology – No Surgery
01074	Geriatrics – No Surgery
01007	Gynecology – No Surgery
01049	Nuclear Medicine – No Surgery
01034	Occupational Medicine – Including MRO or Employment Physicals
01013	Orthopedics – No Surgery
01067	Pediatrics – No Surgery
01098	Physicians – Practice limited to Hair Transplants (Plug or Flap Technique or Split Mini Grafts)
01089	Psychosomatic Medicine
01020	Public Health – No Surgery
01044	Pulmonary Medicine – No Surgery
01059	Radiation Oncology excluding Deep Radiation – No Surgery
01088	Reproductive Endocrinology – No Surgery – No Obstetrical Delivery
01005	Sports Medicine – No Surgery
01099	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified – No Surgery (NOC)

### **CLASS 012 PHYSICIANS - NO SURGERY**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who do not perform obstetrical procedures or surgery (other than incision of boils and superficial abscesses or suturing of skin and superficial fascia), who do not assist in surgical procedures, and who do not perform any of the procedures determined to be extra-hazardous by the Association.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
01282	Anesthesiology – Pain Management only– No Surgery
01206	Gastroenterology – No Surgery
01253	Radiology excluding Deep Radiation – No Surgery
01299	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified – No Surgery (NOC)

### **CLASS 015 PHYSICIANS - NO SURGERY**

This classification applies to specialists hereafter listed who do not perform obstetrical procedures or surgery (other than incision of boils and superficial abscesses or suturing of skin and superficial fascia), who do not assist in surgical procedures, and who do not perform any of the procedures determined to be extra-hazardous by the Association.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
01520	General or Family Practice – No Surgery
01522	Hospitalist – No Surgery
01540	Infectious Diseases – No Surgery
01589	Intensive Care Medicine
01510	Internal Medicine – No Surgery
01541	Neonatology – No Surgery
01559	Radiation Oncology including Deep Radiation – No Surgery
01599	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified – No Surgery (NOC)

## CLASS 020 PHYSICIANS - SURGEONS-SPECIALISTS

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who perform minor surgery; who perform extra-hazardous medical techniques as determined by the Association; or who assist in major surgery on their own patients.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
02002	Allergy – Excluding Major Surgery
02083	Anesthesiology – Other than Pain Management only – Excluding Major Surgery
02022	Cardiology – No Surgery or Excluding Major Surgery – No Catheterization other than Swan-Ganz
02037	Endocrinology – Excluding Major Surgery
02006	Gastroenterology – Excluding Major Surgery
02038	Geriatrics – Excluding Major Surgery
02007	Gynecology – Excluding Major Surgery
02008	Hematology – Excluding Major Surgery
02009	Industrial Medicine – Excluding Major Surgery
02040	Infectious Diseases – Excluding Major Surgery
02089	Neoplastic Diseases – Excluding Major Surgery
02042	Nephrology – Excluding Major Surgery
02011	Neurology – Excluding Major Surgery
02049	Nuclear Medicine – Excluding Major Surgery
02028	Obstetrics – Excluding Major Surgery
02029	Obstetrics/Gynecology, No Obstetrical Delivery – Excluding Major Surgery
02043	Oncology – Excluding Major Surgery
02055	Ophthalmology – Surgery
02013	Orthopedics – Excluding Major Surgery
02065	Otolaryngology/Otorhinolaryngology – Excluding Major Surgery
02087	Otology – Excluding Major Surgery
02015	Pathology – Excluding Major Surgery
02016	Pediatrics – Excluding Major Surgery
02017	Preventive Medicine – Excluding Major Surgery
02018	Proctology – Excluding Major Surgery
02019	Psychiatry – Excluding Major Surgery
02020	Public Health – Excluding Major Surgery
02044	Pulmonary Medicine – Excluding Major Surgery
02069	Pulmonary Medicine – No Surgery except Bronchoscopy
02053	Radiology including Deep Radiation – No Surgery
02021	Rehabilitation/Physiatry – Excluding Major Surgery
02086	Reproductive Endocrinology – Excluding Major Surgery – No Obstetrical Delivery
02085	Rhinology – Excluding Major Surgery
02023	Urology – Excluding Major Surgery
02068	Wound Care Physician – Excluding Major Surgery
02099	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified – Excluding Major Surgery (NOC)

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### **CLASS 022 PHYSICIANS - SURGEONS-SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who perform minor surgery; who perform extra-hazardous medical techniques as determined by the Association; or who assist in major surgery on their own patients.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
02221	General or Family Practice – Excluding Major Surgery
02210	Internal Medicine – Excluding Major Surgery
02259	Radiation Oncology – Excluding Major Surgery
02260	Radiology including interventional radiology - Excluding Major Surgery
02299	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

### **CLASS 030 PHYSICIANS - SURGEONS-SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed who perform procedures normally included in the practice of cardiology; and to other specialists who assist in major surgery on other than their own patients; who perform normal obstetrical deliveries; or who perform extra-hazardous medical techniques as determined by the Association.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
03022	Cardiology – Including Right Heart or Left Heart Catheterization
03017	General or Family Practice – Assist in Major Surgery on other than their own patients or performing normal obstetrical deliveries
03007*	Gynecology – Assist in Major Surgery on other than their own patients
03010	Internal Medicine – Assist in Major Surgery on other than their own patients
03029	Obstetrics/Gynecology, Assist in Major Surgery on other than their own patients-No obstetrical delivery
03043	Oncology – Including Major Surgery
03018	Proctology – Major Surgery
03099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

\*Obstetrical delivery is rated as Class 08029

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### **CLASS 035 PHYSICIANS - SURGEONS-SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to Urgent Care physicians and other specialists who work in an urgent care environment more than eight (8) hours per week, physicians who work in a prison environment more than eight (8) hours per week; or to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
03591	Laryngology – Including Major Surgery
03590	Otology – Including Major Surgery
03565	Otorhinolaryngology or Otolaryngology – Including Major Surgery
03586	Prison Physicians – Excluding Major Surgery
03570	Rhinology – Including Major Surgery
03531	Urgent Care including Emergency Medicine, Fast Track and similar services – Excluding Major Surgery
03545	Urological Surgery
03599	Physicians Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

### **CLASS 050 SURGEONS - SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
05015	Colon-Rectal Surgery if 75% or more of total surgical practice
05004	Dermatology – Major Surgery (including such plastic and cosmetic surgery that is consistent with the Dermatology medical specialty)
05007	Gynecology – Major Surgery
05089	Reproductive Endocrinology – Major Surgery – No Obstetrical Delivery
05099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

### **CLASS 060 SURGEONS-SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
06047	Colon-Rectal Surgery when 26% or more of the physician’s surgical practice is for non colon-rectal surgery
06030	Plastic Surgery
06099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

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### **CLASS 070 SURGEONS - SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
07089	Abdominal – Major Surgery
07003	Cardiac Surgery
07053	Cardio-Thoracic Surgery
07046	Cardiovascular Surgery
07048	Cardio-Vascular-Thoracic Surgery
07088	Endocrinology – Major Surgery
07087	Gastroenterology – Major Surgery
07017	General or Family Practice – Major Surgery
07001	General Practice – Major Surgery
07043	General Surgery and Internal Medicine – Major Surgery
07086	Geriatrics – Major Surgery
07085	Peripheral Vascular Surgery
07025	Thoracic Surgery
07084	Trauma – Major Surgery
07054	Vascular and Thoracic Surgery
07026	Vascular Surgery
07099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

### **CLASS 080 SURGEONS - SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
08001	General Practice – Major Surgery
08028	Obstetrics – Major Surgery
08029	Obstetrics/Gynecology, Full Range of Procedures
08089	Perinatology, including C-Sections, Amniocentesis and Episiotomies
08087	Reproductive Endocrinology – Major Surgery – Including Obstetrical Delivery
08099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

### **CLASS 090 SURGEONS - SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
09013	Orthopedic Surgery
09099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

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### **CLASS 100 SURGEONS - SPECIALISTS**

This classification generally applies to specialists hereafter listed.

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
10011	Neurosurgery
10099	Surgeons Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)

### **CLASS 120 PODIATRISTS - NON-SURGICAL**

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
80993	Podiatry – No Surgery

### **CLASS 130 PODIATRISTS - SURGICAL**

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
80994	Podiatry - Surgery

### **CLASS 900 CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES**

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
80116	Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)

### **ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY CODES**

<b>JUA CODES</b>	<b>SPECIALTY DESCRIPTION</b>
80402	Birth Centers
80999	Corporate/Association/Partnership Liability
80612	Hospitals
80924	Nursing Homes
80614	Primary Health Centers
80289	Prison Corporate/Association/Partnership/Other Third Party Entities Liability

## MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Medical procedures typically are employed as one of many components of a physician's medical practice. This rule applies to those physicians who limit their medical practice to a single medical procedure. If the medical practice of a physician is solely limited to a medical procedure described herein, the physician shall be classified and rated as follows:

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#### CODES MEDICAL PROCEDURE

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07099	<i>Broncho – Esophagology – Major Surgery; Rate as Class 070, Surgeon Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
00699	<i>Broncho – Esophagology – No Surgery; Rate as Class 006, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Cardiology – Angiography; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Cardiology – Arteriography; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
07099	<i>Colonoscopy and Resection; Rate as Class 070, Surgeon Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Colonoscopy; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Diskography/Myelography; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
00699	<i>Hypnosis; Rate as Class 006, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
07099	<i>Laparoscopy/Peritoneoscopy; Rate as Class 070, Surgeon Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Lymphangiography/Phlebography; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Manipulator - Minor Surgery; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Pneumatic or Mechanical Esophageal Dilatation; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
01099	<i>Pneumoencephalography; Rate as Class 010, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>
02099	<i>Radiopaque Dye Injection; Rate as Class 020, Physician Not Otherwise Classified (NOC)</i>

If the physician's medical practice is not solely limited to a medical procedure described herein, the medical specialty of the physician shall be used to determine the applicable rate classification. If the physician's medical practice includes multiple medical specialties, the highest rated classification shall be used.

#### For Example:

Laparoscopy/Peritoneoscopy are medical procedures which are performed by practitioners of several medical specialties. The rating classification of physicians performing these procedures shall correspond with that of the physician's medical specialty:

Colon-Rectal Surgery	–	Shall be rated as either Class 050 or 060
Gastroenterology	–	Shall be rated as Class 070
General Surgery	–	Shall be rated as Class 070
Obstetrics/Gynecology	–	Shall be rated As Class 080 (Performing the Full Range of Procedures)
Obstetrics/Gynecology	–	Shall be rated as Class 030 (Who Assist in Major Surgery on Other Than Their Own Patients)
Surgeons – Gynecology	–	Shall be rated as Class 050

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## EXHIBIT 4 REMITTANCE ADVICE (FORM e-216)

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12	List of Annual Occuied Bed Counts											
13		Bed Count	Terr.1 Rates	Terr.2 Rates	Terr.3 Rates	Terr.4 Rates	Subtotal					
14	Exposure Type:											
15	Hospital (acute care)	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
16	Mental Health/Mental Rehab.	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
17	Extended Care	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
18	Out-Patient Surgical	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
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26	Exposure Type:											
27	Emergency	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
28	Other	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -					
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## EXHIBIT 7 WORKSHEET for Nursing Homes

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 Insurer's #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursing Home Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nurs.Home's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Insurance Coverage limit \$500,000 DO Per Occ.  
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or Skilled Nursing	1	0	0	0	0	

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6	Primary Health Ctr, Name:
7	PHC's Address:
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List Annual Visit Counts						
Exposure Type	Total Visit Count	Terr. 1 Rates	Terr. 2 Rates	Terr. 3 Rates	Terr. 4 Rates	Subtotal
16	Emergency	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
18	Other	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
20	Mental Health/Mental Rehab.	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
22	Out-Patient Surgical	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
24	Home Health Care	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
26		Prevailing Primary Premium				\$0.00
28		Mcare Assessment				\$0.00

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03 Armstrong	26 Fayette	49 Northumberland
04 Beaver	27 Forest	50 Perry
05 Bedford	28 Franklin	51 Philadelphia
06 Berks	29 Fulton	52 Pike
07 Blair	30 Greene	53 Potter
08 Bradford	31 Huntingdon	54 Schuylkill
09 Bucks	32 Indiana	55 Snyder
10 Butler	33 Jefferson	56 Somerset
11 Cambria	34 Juniata	57 Sullivan
12 Cameron	35 Lackawanna	58 Susquehanna
13 Carbon	36 Lancaster	59 Tioga
14 Centre	37 Lawrence	60 Union
15 Chester	38 Lebanon	61 Venango
16 Clarion	39 Lehigh	62 Warren
17 Clearfield	40 Luzerne	63 Washington
18 Clinton	41 Lycoming	64 Wayne
19 Columbia	42 McKean	65 Westmoreland
20 Crawford	43 Mercer	66 Wyoming
21 Cumberland	44 Mifflin	67 York
22 Dauphin	45 Monroe	
23 Delaware	46 Montgomery	

### TERRITORY DISTRIBUTION:

#### For Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Primary Health Centers:

- Territory 1: Delaware (23), Philadelphia (51)
- Territory 2: Remainder of State (01, 03-08, 10-14, 16-19, 21-22, 24, 26-34, 36, 38-39, 41-42, 44-45, 47-50, 52-67)
- Territory 3: Allegheny (02), Crawford (20), Erie (25), Lackawanna (35), Lawrence (37), Luzerne (40), Mercer (43)
- Territory 4: Bucks (09), Chester (15), Montgomery (46)

#### For All Other Health Care Providers:

- Territory 1: Philadelphia (51)
- Territory 2: Remainder of State (01, 04-06, 08, 10-14, 16-18, 21, 24, 27-32, 34, 36, 38, 41-42, 44, 47, 49-50, 52-53, 55-62, 64, 66-67)
- Territory 3: Allegheny (02), Armstrong (03), Jefferson (33), Washington (63), Westmoreland (65)
- Territory 4: Bucks (09), Chester (15), Fayette (26), Montgomery (46)
- Territory 5: Delaware (23)
- Territory 6: Blair (07), Columbia (19), Crawford (20), Dauphin (22), Erie (25), Lackawanna (35), Lawrence (37), Lehigh (39), Luzerne (40), Mercer (43), Monroe (45), Northampton (48), Schuylkill (54)