



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
STATE HOUSE ANNEX
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CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-202

Rule Number: Lab 700

1. **Agency:** Department of Labor
Agency Address: Department of Labor
95 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 281-A:23-a
3. **Federal Authority:** N/A
4. **Action(s):** Repeal, Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Managed Care Programs in Workers' Compensation
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

Lab 700 governs the implementation of RSA 281-A:23-a pertaining to the approval and use of managed care programs in workers' compensation.

The proposed amendments to the rule are as follows:

1. Adding "medical practice" to the definition of healthcare provider.
2. Amending "injured workers" to "injured employees".
3. Clarifying "sufficiently comprehensive" in Lab 703.01(b).
4. Requiring form MCO-01 be submitted to specify the closest county where services are available when 2 or more provider choices are not available per Lab 703.01(b)(2)(a) through (j).

5. Clarifying the timeframe for the Department to review a managed care program and make a preliminary determination.
6. Clarifying language regarding managed care program approval and renewal.

_ Does this rule implement a state statute for the first time?

The rule does not implement a state statute for the first time.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

Managed care organizations, healthcare providers, injured employees and injury management facilitators.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule	Specific State Statute which the Rule Implements
Lab 701	RSA 281-A:23-a
Lab 702	RSA 281-A:23-a
Lab 703	RSA 281-A:38-a
Lab 704	RSA 281-A:23-a
Lab 705	RSA 281-A:38-a

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

Name: Danielle N. Albert	Title: Deputy Commissioner
Address: 95 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301	Phone Number: (603) 271-8496
	FAX Number:
	Email: Danielle.N.Albert@dol.nh.gov

8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:

Thursday, December 17, 2026

_ Fax

X Email Email submissions should be made directly to Danielle.N.Albert@dol.nh.gov.

X Other U.S. Postal Mail or hand delivered to:

N.H Department of Labor
c/o Danielle N. Albert
95 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

9. **Public hearing scheduled for:**
Date: Thursday, December 10, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: NH Department of Labor
Spaulding Building
95 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. **Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):**

FIS #: 26:198, dated: Thursday, September 10, 2026

1. **Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):**

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. **Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:**

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. **Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):**

A. **To State general or State special funds:**

None.

B. **To State citizens and political subdivisions:**

None.

C. **To independently owned businesses:**

None.

11. **Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:**

These rules do not mandate or assign any new, expanded, or programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way to necessitate additional local expenditure and so do not violate part 1, Article 28-a of the NH Constitution.