

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

APPEAL OF: HANOVER HOSPITAL
300 HIGHLAND AVENUE
HANOVER, PA 17331-2297

RECOMMENDATION

It is hereby Recommended that the appeal of Appellant should be **DISMISSED**.

May 27, 2005
Date

Biagio V. Musto, II

Biagio V. Musto II, Esquire
Administrative Law Judge

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ADJUDICATION

OPENING STATEMENT

This is an adjudication on the appeal of Hanover Hospital, Appellant, from a determination by the Department of Public Welfare - Bureau of Program Integrity (Department) which retrospectively denied reimbursement for the admission of the patient. A telephone hearing was convened on May 23, 2005 at 9:12 a.m. from the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals, 117 West Main Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

Biagio V. Musto, II, Esquire, Administrative Law Judge, presided.

ISSUE

Whether the Department correctly denied reimbursement retrospectively for the June 6, 1997 admission of the patient due to a lack of medical necessity and incorrect diagnosis.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On February 8, 2005, the Department retrospectively denied reimbursement for the admission of the patient due to a lack of medical necessity and an incorrect diagnosis.
2. The Appellant filed an appeal which was dated March 8, 2005 and received on March 12, 2005.
3. On May 4, 2005, the Department of Public Welfare, Bureau of Hearings and Appeals scheduled a telephone hearing to be conducted regarding this matter on May 23, 2005 at 9:45 a.m.
4. At the time of the scheduled hearing, the Appellant's representative stated that there was no need to proceed with the appeal and requested that the appeal be dismissed.

DISCUSSION

The Appellant appealed from a determination by the Department denying reimbursement retrospectively at the level requested for the admission of the patient. However, at the time of the hearing, the Appellant's representative stated that there was no need to proceed with the appeal and requested that the appeal be dismissed.

Accordingly, Appellant's appeal should be dismissed. A recommendation to the Chief Administrative Law Judge will be made consistent with these findings and conclusions.