



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Management Services Division
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

December 30, 2014

RE: ADSA: NH # 2014-002
JANUARY 1, 2015 ADJUSTED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The January 1, 2015 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is enclosed.

The Department calculated your facility's January 1, 2015 adjusted rate using your facility's Medicaid Average Case Mix Index (with defaults) from the January 1, 2013 rate. To allow for the transition to MDS 3.0 and RUG IV, this MACMI is to be used through June 30, 2015, increased by .5% every six months. Accordingly, a .5% increase to the January 1, 2013 MACMI was applied in calculating the July 1, 2013 rate. Another .5% increase was applied to the July 1, 2013 MACMI in the calculation of the January 1, 2014 rate, the July 1, 2014 rate, and now the January 1, 2015 rate. (The January 1, 2013 MACMI was itself based on the January 1, 2011 MACMI, adjusted under RCW 74.46.485(1)(a) and increased by .5% every six months.)

If a timely appeal of your July 1, 2014 rate is pending, when it is resolved any changes made to adjustments because of this appeal will be brought forward to the facility's January 1, 2015 adjusted rate.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your January 1, 2015 rate, or to any subsequent adjusted rate, please keep in mind WAC 388-96-904, the regulation that controls such requests. The regulation provides in part:

- (1)...The contractor's request for administrative review shall:
 - (a) Be signed by the contractor or by a partner, officer, or authorized employee of the contractor;
 - (b) State the particular issues raised; and
 - (c) Include all necessary supporting documentation or other information.
- (2) After receiving a request for administrative review conference that meets the criteria in subsection (1) of this section, the department shall schedule an administrative review conference. The conference may be conducted by telephone.

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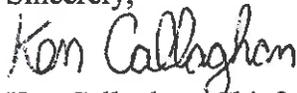
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(3) At least fourteen calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the administrative review conference, the contractor must supply any additional or supporting documentation or information upon which the contractor intends to rely in presenting its case. In addition, the department may request at any time prior to issuing a determination any documentation or information needed to decide the issues raised, and the contractor must comply with such a request within fourteen calendar days after it is received...The department shall dismiss issues that cannot be decided or resolved due to a contractor's failure to provide requested documentation or information within the required period. (emphasis added)

The Department will enforce this regulation in responding to requests for administrative review. Requests that do not state the issues with particularity, or that are not supported by the required documentation or information, will be denied or dismissed. Mail your appeal to the Office of Rates Management at the address on the letterhead.

I encourage you to contact your analyst if you have questions about your rate.

Sincerely,



Ken Callaghan, Chief
Office of Rates Management

Enclosure