



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
PO Box 45600 * Olympia, WA 98504-5600

December 28, 2012

ADSA: NH RATES # 2012-003
RE: JANUARY 1, 2013 ADJUSTED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

The January 1, 2013 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is enclosed.

The Department calculated your facility's January 1, 2013 adjusted rate using your facility's (revised) July 1, 2012 rate and Medicaid Average Case Mix Index (with defaults) from the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2010 (April through September 2010) final RUG report. Per RCW 74.46.501 (6)(a), the MACMI scores from the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2010 (April through September 2010) have been increased by one-half of one percent each six months during the transition period. The Legislature provided for this case mix adjustment to allow for the transition to MDS 3.0 and RUG IV.

As previously announced, the Department has recalculated the Home Office cost lid for calendar year 2011, by using imputed occupancy both to establish the lid itself and to calculate home office costs for each facility. The recalculated lid is available on the ORM website. The Home Office cost lid is not scheduled to affect Medicaid nursing facility rates until July 1, 2013. A facility wishing to appeal an issue relating to the lid may do so now, or it may wait until the issue affects its rates next year.

If a timely appeal of your July 1, 2012 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, 2013 adjusted rate.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your January 1, 2013, or 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.

(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 above.

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

Sincerely,



Ken Callaghan, Chief
Office of Rates Management

Enclosures