



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long Term-Support Administration
Management Services Division
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

June 30, 2020

AL TSA: NH Rates #2020-003

RE: JULY 1, 2020 ADJUSTED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

The July 1, 2020 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is enclosed.

The Department calculated your facility's July 1, 2020 adjusted rate using your facility's Medicaid Average Case Mix Index (with defaults) from the 1 Semiannual 2020 Final Case Mix RUG Report (10/1/2019 through 3/31/2020) MDS 3.0 RUG IV Grouper 57.

For your July 1, 2020 rate, the Department used the most recently available four-quarter average CMS quality data, which for this rate setting is Quarters One through Four of 2019. Thus, your facility's quality measure component may have changed.

Additionally for July 1, the Median Lids have been updated from 2016 to 2018 and the Capital component has been calculated from 2019 reported costs. The Direct Care and Indirect Care components have been rebased using 2018 reported costs.

The inflation calculation is continued from the May 1, 2020 rate. The July 1, 2020 rate uses the 1.91% monthly index for all urban consumers, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

An important change to note: The \$29 add-on related to COVID-19 is discontinued and will not be included in your July 1, 2020 rate.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your July 1, 2020 rate 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.

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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 are not properly signed, 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: P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600. Do not mail your appeal to our physical address of Blake West 4450 10th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Ground carriers such as UPS and FedEx can deliver to the physical address, but the Post Office will not.

If you have questions about your rate, please contact your analyst. The facility/analyst list is available on our website at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/management-services-division/nursing-facility-cost-reports>.

Sincerely,



Tiffany Hills, Manager
Nursing Facility Rates
Office of Rates Management

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Attachments
cc: Interested Parties