

## 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

July 31, 2020

## ALTSA: NH Rates #2020-005 RE: AUGUST 1, 2020 MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

The August 1, 2020 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is attached.

The August 1 rate has been calculated using the Revised July 1, 2020 rate, but due to current funding the COVID-19 add-on is lowering to \$5 for August and September. If the situation changes we will keep you informed.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your August 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 <u>signed</u> by the contractor or by a partner, officer, or authorized employee of the contractor, within twenty-eight (28) calendar days after receiving the notice of the rate;
- (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 <u>that meets the</u> <u>criteria in subsection (1) of this section</u>, 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... <u>The Department shall</u> 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)

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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 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Ground carriers such as UPS and FedEx can deliver to the physical address, but <u>the Post Office will not</u>.

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

Sincerely,

Tiffany Hills

Tiffany Hills, Manager Nursing Facility Rates Office of Rates Management

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Attachments cc: Interested Parties