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ANNUAL HOSPICE RATE CHANGE

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) hospice payment rates effective for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 are provided in **Attachment A**. As in previous years, these rates are listed by Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA). Please note that separate rates are listed for hospice providers who have submitted the federally required quality data to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and lower payment rates for those providers who failed to comply with CMS' quality data submission requirements.

In order to comply with the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, hospice providers must use the **Attachment A** rate schedule when billing for services provided in an individual's home when that residence is outside the CBSA in which your agency is located. If services are provided in a CBSA with a higher rate than the CBSA rate for the location of your agency, please notify the MHD Pharmacy and Clinical Services Unit via email at clinical.services@dss.mo.gov. Your email should include your provider name, NPI number, residence service counties, and a request for the higher rate for the CBSA to be placed on your file. This will allow you to be reimbursed at the appropriate CBSA rate.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 - ROUTINE HOME CARE DAILY RATE

CMS issued a final rule [CMS-1629-F](#) that created two routine home care daily payment rates. There is one rate for the first 60 days of care and another rate for care beyond 60 days. The new routine home care policy is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016.

See **Attachment B** for the two new rates listed by CBSA.

For hospice patients who are discharged and readmitted to hospice within 60 days of that discharge, the patient's prior hospice days will continue to count toward his or her first 60 days of hospice care. A 60 day or longer gap in hospice services following the discharge, including all levels of care, is required to reset the hospice rate back to a new "first 60 days" of care.

Hospice providers *must* bill the correct rate for the appropriate period of routine home care days. Until MHD is able to implement future system changes, we will generate retrospective quarterly reports to ensure providers are billing the correct rate. Overpayments due to incorrect billing of the higher rate will be recouped from providers.

SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON PAYMENT (SIA)

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, the federal rule also established a new payment rate called the Service Intensity Add-on (SIA). See **Attachment B** for the SIA rates listed by CBSA. This payment will be made for a visit by a social worker or a registered nurse (RN) when provided during routine home care in the last seven days of a patient's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the routine home care rate. The SIA payment will be equal to the Continuous Home Care hourly rate multiplied by the hours of nursing or social work provided (up to four hours total) on each date of service. The SIA payment is only for those social worker and RN services provided during an in-person visit and does not apply to phone visits.

During periods of crisis, such as the swift decline before death, the level of patient care needs increases and RNs can more appropriately meet those needs. The SIA policy was finalized to recognize additional payment at end-of-life for services provided by RNs and not Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). In order to measure the amount of RN services provided to a patient, hospice providers must differentiate between nursing services provided by an RN and nursing services provided by an LPN. CMS has established two new codes for providers to distinguish between RN services, G0299 (Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse, RN, in the home health or hospice setting) and LPN services, G0300 (Direct skilled nursing of a licensed practical nurse, LPN, in the home health or hospice setting).

Provider Bulletins are available on the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) (Formerly the Division of Medical Services) Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/bulletins.htm>. Bulletins will remain on the Provider Bulletins page only until incorporated into the [provider manuals](#) as appropriate, then moved to the Archived Bulletin page.

MO HealthNet News: Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/global/pages/mednewssubscribe.htm> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896

ATTACHMENT A

RATES FOR HOSPICE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED QUALITY DATA					
CBSA	COUNTY	DAILY RATE (10/01/15-12/31/15)	CONTINUOUS HOMECARE (10/01/15-09/30/16)	INPATIENT RESPITE (10/01/15-09/30/16)	INPATIENT CARE (10/01/15-09/30/16)
16020	Bollinger	\$152.01	\$886.32	\$167.62	\$678.35
	Cape Girardeau				
17860	Boone	\$143.38	\$835.99	\$160.22	\$642.63
	Howard				
22220	McDonald	\$146.48	\$854.11	\$162.88	\$655.49
27620	Callaway	\$143.82	\$838.59	\$160.60	\$644.47
	Cole				
	Moniteau				
	Osage				
27900	Jasper	\$143.23	\$835.15	\$160.10	\$642.03
	Newton				
28140	Cass	\$155.63	\$907.43	\$170.72	\$693.33
	Clay				
	Clinton				
	Jackson				
	Lafayette				
	Platte				
	Ray				
	Bates				
	Caldwell				
41140	Andrew	\$160.28	\$934.57	\$174.70	\$712.60
	Buchanan				
	Dekalb				
41180	Franklin	\$155.04	\$903.99	\$170.21	\$690.89
	Jefferson				
	Lincoln				
	St. Charles				
	St. Louis County				
	St. Louis City				
	Warren				

	Crawford				
	Washington				
44180	Christian	\$143.54	\$836.97	\$160.36	\$643.32
	Greene				
	Webster				
	Dallas				
	Polk				
All counties not listed above					
26	Rural MO	\$137.06	\$815.28	\$157.18	\$627.92
<p>Out of State Providers Chicago, IL - use St. Louis Quincy, IL - use Rural MO Berryville, AR - use Rural MO Kansas City, KS - use KC, MO</p>					

RATES FOR HOSPICE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE <u>NOT</u> SUBMITTED QUALITY DATA					
CBSA	COUNTY	DAILY RATE	CONTINUOUS HOMECARE	INPATIENT RESPITE	INPATIENT CARE
		(10/01/15-12/31/15)	(10/01/15-09/30/16)	(10/01/15-09/30/16)	(10/01/15-09/30/16)
16020	Bollinger Cape Girardeau	\$149.01	\$868.87	\$164.29	\$664.99
17860	Boone Howard	\$140.55	\$819.53	\$157.04	\$629.97
22220	McDonald	\$143.59	\$837.29	\$159.65	\$642.58
27620	Callaway Cole Moniteau Osage	\$140.98	\$822.08	\$157.41	\$631.78
27900	Jasper Newton	\$140.40	\$818.70	\$156.92	\$629.38
28140	Cass Clay	\$152.56	\$889.56	\$167.36	\$679.88

	Clinton				
	Jackson				
	Lafayette				
	Platte				
	Ray				
	Bates				
	Caldwell				
41140	Andrew	\$157.12	\$916.17	\$171.24	\$698.56
	Buchanan				
	Dekalb				
41180	Franklin	\$151.98	\$886.19	\$166.83	\$677.28
	Jefferson				
	Lincoln				
	St. Charles				
	St. Louis Cnty				
	St. Louis City				
	Warren				
	Crawford				
	Washington				
44180	Christian	\$140.71	\$820.49	\$157.18	\$630.65
	Greene				
	Webster				
	Dallas				
	Polk				
	All counties not listed above				
26	Rural MO	\$137.06	\$799.22	\$154.08	\$615.56
<p>Out of State Providers Chicago, IL - use St. Louis Quincy, IL - use Rural MO Berryville, AR - use Rural MO Kansas City, KS - use KC, MO</p>					

ATTACHMENT B

NEW ROUTINE HOME CARE RATES AND SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON FOR PROVIDERS THAT SUBMITTED QUALITY DATA EFFECTIVE 01/01/16-09/30/16				
CBSA	COUNTY	DAILY RATE	DAILY RATE	SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON
		DAYS 1-60	DAYS 61+	
16020	Bollinger Cape Girardeau	\$175.43	\$137.87	\$36.93
17860	Boone Howard	\$165.47	\$130.04	\$34.83
22220	McDonald	\$169.06	\$132.86	\$35.59
27620	Callaway Cole Moniteau Osage	\$165.99	\$130.44	\$34.94
27900	Jasper Newton	\$165.31	\$129.91	\$34.80
28140	Cass Clay Clinton Jackson Lafayette Platte Ray Bates Caldwell	\$179.61	\$141.15	\$37.81
41140	Andrew Buchanan Dekalb	\$184.98	\$145.37	\$38.94
41180	Franklin Jefferson Lincoln St. Charles St. Louis Cnty	\$178.93	\$140.62	\$37.66

	St. Louis City			
	Warren			
	Crawford			
	Washington			
44180	Christian	\$165.67	\$130.19	\$34.87
	Greene			
	Webster			
	Dallas			
	Polk			
All counties not listed above				
26	Rural MO	\$161.37	\$126.82	\$33.97
<p>Out of State Providers Chicago, IL - use St. Louis Quincy, IL - use Rural MO Berryville, AR - use Rural MO Kansas City, KS - use KC, MO</p>				

NEW ROUTINE HOME CARE RATES AND SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON FOR PROVIDERS THAT HAVE NOT SUBMITTED QUALITY DATA - EFFECTIVE 01/01/16-09/30/16				
CBSA	COUNTY	DAILY RATE DAYS 1-60	DAILY RATE DAYS 61+	SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON
16020	Bollinger Cape Girardeau	\$171.99	\$135.16	\$36.21
17860	Boone Howard	\$162.23	\$127.48	\$34.15
22220	McDonald	\$165.74	\$130.25	\$34.89
27620	Callaway Cole Moniteau Osage	\$162.73	\$127.88	\$34.26
27900	Jasper	\$162.06	\$127.35	\$34.12

	Newton			
28140	Cass	\$176.09	\$138.38	\$37.07
	Clay			
	Clinton			
	Jackson			
	Lafayette			
	Platte			
	Ray			
	Bates			
	Caldwell			
41140	Andrew	\$181.36	\$142.52	\$38.18
	Buchanan			
	Dekalb			
41180	Franklin	\$175.42	\$137.85	\$36.93
	Jefferson			
	Lincoln			
	St. Charles			
	St. Louis Cnty			
	St. Louis City			
	Warren			
	Crawford			
	Washington			
44180	Christian	\$162.42	\$127.63	\$34.19
	Greene			
	Webster			
	Dallas			
	Polk			
	All counties not listed above			
26	Rural MO	\$158.21	\$124.32	\$33.30
<p>Out of State Providers Chicago, IL - use St. Louis Quincy, IL - use Rural MO Berryville, AR - use Rural MO Kansas City, KS - use KC, MO</p>				