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Public Notice of MO HealthNet Global Per Diem Adjustments to Nursing Facility and HIV Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rates Methodology

June 30, 2021

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide Medicaid payment methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, the Missouri Medicaid State Plan (Prospective Reimbursement Plan for Nursing Facility Services section and Prospective Reimbursement Plan for HIV Nursing Facility Services section) is being amended under State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 21-0020. Missouri State regulation 13 CSR 70-10.016 Global Per Diem Adjustments to Nursing Facility and HIV Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rates is also being amended. The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is modifying the reimbursement plan for nursing facility and HIV nursing facility services to provide for a per diem increase to nursing facility and HIV nursing facility per diem reimbursement rates of ten dollars and eighteen cents (\$10.18) effective for dates of service July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Additional information relating to this adjustment is detailed below. The reimbursement change is contingent upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The amendment results in a fiscal impact to nursing facility reimbursement and hospice reimbursement. Hospice reimbursement is impacted because reimbursement for hospice nursing home room and board services is based on the nursing facility per diem rate.

The reimbursement change is a result of the FY 2022 budget appropriation as set forth in CCS SCS HCS HB11 (2021) for nursing facility services and hospice nursing home room and board services.

Interpretive services are available by calling the Participant Services Unit at 1-800-392-2161.
Prevodilačke usluge su dostupne pozivom odjela koji učestvuje u ovom servisu na broj 1-800-392-2161.
Servicios Intreparative están disponibles llamando a la unidad de servicios de los participantes al 1-800-392-2161.

AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

TDD / TTY: 800-735-2966

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Following is the estimated fiscal impact of the proposed amendment:

- Total annual increase in expenditures is approximately \$95.1 million
- Increase to nursing facility reimbursement is approximately \$88.3 million, composed of \$30.0 million state funds and \$58.3 million federal funds
- Increase to hospice nursing home room and board is approximately \$6.8 million, composed of \$2.3 million state funds and \$4.5 million federal funds

Following is a summary of the changes to the Missouri Medicaid State Plan and Missouri State regulation 13 CSR 70-10.016:

- This proposed amendment provides for a per diem increase to nursing facility and HIV nursing facility per diem reimbursement rates of ten dollars and eighteen cents (\$10.18) effective for dates of service July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- This per diem increase provides an adjustment to nursing facility per diem rates for increases in costs associated with staffing, supplies, social distancing standards, and other factors due to the COVID-19 national emergency.
- The per diem adjustment will not be included in the per diem rate for dates of service after June 30, 2022. A per diem adjustment of ten dollars and eighteen cents (\$10.18) shall be deducted from the facility's rate as of June 30, 2022, which includes the ten dollars and eighteen cents (\$10.18) increase, and is effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022.

2. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct., 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: Rebecca Rucker

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for Global Per Diem Adjustments to Nursing Facility and HIV Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rates" in the subject line. Comments must be received by July 30, 2021.

3. A copy of the proposed reimbursement methodology is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents also may be viewed online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notices.htm>
4. No public hearing will be held.