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ANNUAL HOSPICE RATE CHANGE

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) hospice payment rates effective for October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017, 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.

CMS issued a final rule CMS-1629-F in 2015 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. 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 INTENTISTY ADD-ON (SIA)

The federal rule also established a payment rate called the Service Intensity Add-on (SIA). This payment is 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 rate is shown on [Attachment A](#) and is limited to four hours combined for both RNs and social workers 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. The SIA policy is for additional payment for 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 procedure 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). The procedure code for social work services is G0155 (Medical social service visit). The procedure codes are required for reporting purposes on the claim to determine if a hospice provider should receive the SIA payment.

Until MHD is able to implement future system changes, we will generate retrospective quarterly reports to determine the SIA payment and this payment will be made to providers manually, not through the regular claims system. A detailed report will be sent to providers identifying the participant and claim ICN(s) which correspond to the SIA payment.

WEBINAR TRAINING CONFERENCES

MHD Provider Education staff provides interactive web-based trainings to providers. The training conferences are for individuals or groups and are limited to 2 hours in length. Providers should enroll in training sessions applicable to their provider type. The provider must have access to the Internet and a telephone. Please reference <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pdf/oworkshops.pdf> for detailed instructions on enrolling in the training conferences.

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/> 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

HOSPICE CBSA RATES FOR HOSPICE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED QUALITY DATA

CBSA	COUNTY	DAILY RATE	DAILY RATE	CONTINUOUS HOMECARE	INPATIENT RESPITE	INPATIENT CARE	SERVICE INTENSITY ADD-ON
		DAYS 1-60	DAYS 61+				
16020	Bollinger	\$172.81	\$135.87	\$874.04	\$166.60	\$670.40	\$36.42
	Cape Girardeau						
17860	Boone	\$170.35	\$133.93	\$861.57	\$164.77	\$661.55	\$35.90
	Howard						
22220	McDonald	\$171.17	\$134.58	\$865.75	\$165.39	\$664.52	\$36.07
27620	Callaway	\$172.01	\$135.24	\$869.99	\$166.01	\$667.53	\$36.25
	Cole						
	Moniteau						
	Osage						
27900	Jasper	\$164.68	\$129.48	\$832.93	\$160.56	\$641.23	\$34.71
	Newton						
28140	Cass	\$183.75	\$144.46	\$929.34	\$174.73	\$709.63	\$38.72
	Clay						
	Clinton						
	Jackson						
	Lafayette						
	Platte						
	Ray						
	Bates						
	Caldwell						
41140	Andrew	\$184.31	\$144.91	\$932.19	\$175.15	\$711.65	\$38.84
	Buchanan						
	Dekalb						
41180	Franklin	\$181.05	\$142.34	\$915.68	\$172.72	\$699.94	\$38.15
	Jefferson						
	Lincoln						
	St. Charles						
	St. Louis Cnty						
	St. Louis City						
	Warren						
	Crawford						
	Washington						
44180	Christian	\$165.18	\$129.87	\$835.45	\$160.93	\$643.02	\$34.81
	Greene						
	Webster						
	Dallas						
	Polk						
All counties not listed above							
26	Rural MO	\$164.58	\$129.40	\$832.40	\$160.49	\$640.85	\$34.68

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

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16020	Bollinger	\$169.43	\$133.21	\$856.90	\$163.34	\$657.26	\$35.70
	Cape Girardeau						
17860	Boone	\$167.01	\$131.31	\$844.68	\$161.54	\$648.59	\$35.19
	Howard						
22220	McDonald	\$167.82	\$131.95	\$848.78	\$162.14	\$651.50	\$35.36
27620	Callaway	\$168.64	\$132.60	\$852.94	\$162.75	\$654.45	\$35.54
	Cole						
	Moniteau						
	Osage						
27900	Jasper	\$161.46	\$126.95	\$816.60	\$157.41	\$628.66	\$34.02
	Newton						
28140	Cass	\$180.15	\$141.64	\$911.12	\$171.30	\$695.73	\$37.96
	Clay						
	Clinton						
	Jackson						
	Lafayette						
	Platte						
	Ray						
	Bates						
	Caldwell						
41140	Andrew	\$180.70	\$142.08	\$913.91	\$171.71	\$697.71	\$38.08
	Buchanan						
	Dekalb						
41180	Franklin	\$177.50	\$139.56	\$897.73	\$169.33	\$686.23	\$37.40
	Jefferson						
	Lincoln						
	St. Charles						
	St. Louis Cnty						
	St. Louis City						
	Warren						
	Crawford						
	Washington						
44180	Christian	\$161.95	\$127.33	\$819.07	\$157.78	\$630.42	\$34.13
	Greene						
	Webster						
	Dallas						
	Polk						
All counties not listed above							
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