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NURSING FACILITY AND HOSPICE

Applies to: Nursing Facilities and Hospice Providers

Effective date: July 1, 2021

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- **Nursing Facility Per Diem Rate Increase – SFY 2022**
 - **Hospice Nursing Home Room and Board Rate Increase – SFY 2022**
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NURSING FACILITY PER DIEM RATE INCREASE – SFY 2022

The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) recently implemented a change in nursing facility per diem rates corresponding to the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 budget after the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the reimbursement change. Following is a summary of the rate change:

- MHD filed a proposed amendment and an emergency amendment to 13 CSR 70-10.016 for a per diem increase of \$10.18 to nursing facility per diem rates effective for dates of service beginning 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 adjustment will not be included in the per diem rate for dates of service after June 30, 2022. A per diem adjustment of \$10.18 will be subtracted from the facility's rate as of June 30, 2022, which includes the \$10.18 increase, and is effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022.
- The new rates were placed in production in the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS or system) on September 27, 2021. Claims submitted after that date will be processed at the new rate. MHD processed a mass adjustment for claims submitted prior to September 27, 2021, which were processed at the old rate, to reflect the rate increase. This will eliminate the need for nursing facilities to submit adjustment forms for each resident for dates of service beginning July 1, 2021. The mass adjustment

processed on the October 29, 2021 remittance advice, which was reflected on the November 12, 2021 check.

- The impact of the rate change for nursing facilities is approximately \$88.3 million annually. This estimate may vary depending on actual utilization.
- MHD sent individual rate letters to nursing facilities on November 5, 2021. The rate letters were uploaded to the Myers and Stauffer web portal.
- MHD updated the Nursing Facility Rate List on its website on November 5, 2021 to reflect the rate change. The Nursing Facility Rate List is available at the following link: <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/providers/pages/nfrates.htm>

HOSPICE NURSING HOME ROOM AND BOARD RATE INCREASE – SFY 2022

MO HealthNet eligible individuals who reside in MO HealthNet certified nursing facilities and who meet the hospice eligibility criteria, may elect MO HealthNet hospice care services. In addition to the routine home care or continuous home care per diem rates, an amount may be paid to the hospice to cover nursing home room and board costs.

Changes to the nursing facility per diem rate affect reimbursement for hospice nursing home room and board services because reimbursement for hospice nursing home room and board is based on the MO HealthNet reimbursement for nursing facilities. Please see the section above titled “Nursing Facility Per Diem Rate Increase – SFY 2022” for additional details on the change to the nursing facility per diem rate.

The MHD also processed a mass adjustment for hospice nursing home room and board claims submitted prior to September 27, 2021, which were processed at the old rate, to reflect the rate increase. This will eliminate the need to submit adjustment forms for each resident for dates of service beginning July 1, 2021. The mass adjustment processed on the October 29, 2021 remittance advice, which was reflected on the November 12, 2021 check.

The impact of the rate change for hospice nursing home room and board is approximately \$6.8 million annually. This estimate may vary depending on actual utilization.

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- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

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