

TITLE 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Division 70—MO HealthNet Division
Chapter 15—Hospital Program

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

13 CSR 70-15.110 Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA). The division is amending sections (1)(A)13.G., (1)(B), (1)(C), (2) – (5), and removing section (1)(D).

PURPOSE: This proposed amendment provides for the trend factor to be applied to the inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues to determine the inpatient and outpatient net revenues subject to the FRA assessment for SFY 2023. It also establishes the percentage of FRA that is taxed to Missouri hospitals for SFY 2023.

(1) Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA). FRA shall be assessed as described in this section.

(A) Definitions.

1. Bad debts—Amounts considered to be uncollectible from accounts and notes receivable that were created or acquired in providing services. Allowable bad debts include the costs of caring for patients who have insurance, but their insurance does not cover the particular service procedures or treatment rendered.

2. Base year cost report—Audited Medicaid cost report from the third prior calendar year. If a hospital has more than one (1) cost report with periods ending in the third prior calendar year, the cost report covering a full twelve- (12-) month period will be used. If none of the cost reports covers a full twelve (12) months, the cost report with the latest period will be used. If a hospital's base year cost report is less than or greater than a twelve- (12-) month period, the data shall be adjusted, based on the number of days reflected in the base year cost report, to a twelve- (12-) month period. Any changes to the base year cost report after the division issues a final decision on assessment will not be included in the calculations.

3. Charity care—Those charges written off by a hospital based on the hospital's policy to provide health care services free of charge or at a reduced charge because of the indigence or medical indigence of the patient.

4. Contractual allowances—Difference between established rates for covered services and the amount paid by third-party payers under contractual agreements. The Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) is a cost to the hospital, regardless of how the FRA is remitted to the MO HealthNet Division, and shall not be included in contractual allowances for determining revenues. Any redistributions of MO HealthNet payments by private entities acting at the request of participating health care providers shall not be included in contractual allowances or determining revenues or cost of patient care.

5. Department—Department of Social Services.

6. Director—Director of the Department of Social Services.

7. Division—MO HealthNet Division, Department of Social Services.

8. Engaging in the business of providing inpatient health care—Accepting payment for inpatient services rendered.

9. Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA)—The fee assessed to hospitals for the privilege of engaging in the business of providing inpatient health care in Missouri. The FRA is an allowable cost to the hospital.

10. Fiscal period—Twelve- (12-) month reporting period determined by each hospital.

11. Gross hospital service charges—Total charges made by the hospital for inpatient and outpatient hospital services that are covered under 13 CSR 70-15.010.

12. Hospital—A place devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of facilities for the diagnosis, treatment, or care for not fewer than twenty-four (24) hours in any week of three (3) or more nonrelated individuals suffering from illness, disease, injury, deformity, or other abnormal physical conditions; or a place devoted primarily to provide, for not fewer than twenty-four (24) hours in any week, medical or nursing care for three (3) or more nonrelated individuals. The term hospital does not include convalescent, nursing, shelter, or boarding homes as defined in Chapter 198, RSMo.

13. Hospital revenues subject to FRA assessment effective July 1, 2008—Each hospital’s inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues subject to the FRA assessment will be determined as follows:

A. Obtain “Gross Total Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Line 25, Column 3 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Line 28, Column 3 from CMS 2552-10, of the third prior year cost report (i.e., FRA fiscal year cost report) for the hospital. Charges shall exclude revenues for physician services. Charges related to activities subject to the Missouri taxes assessed for outpatient retail pharmacies and nursing facility services shall also be excluded. “Gross Total Charges” will be reduced by the following:

(I) “Nursing Facility Charges” from Worksheet C, Part I, Line 35, Column 6 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet C, Part I, Line 45, Column 6 from CMS 2552-10;

(II) “Swing Bed Nursing Facility Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Line 5, Column 1 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Line 6, Column 1 from CMS 2552-10;

(III) “Nursing Facility Ancillary Charges” as determined from the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division, nursing home cost report. (Note: To the extent that the gross hospital charges, as specified in subparagraph (1)(A)13.A. above, include long-term care charges, the charges to be excluded through this step shall include all long-term care ancillary charges including skilled nursing facility, nursing facility, and other long-term care providers based at the hospital that are subject to the state’s provider tax on nursing facility services.);

(IV) “Distinct Part Ambulatory Surgical Center Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Line 22, Column 2 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Line 25, Column 2 from CMS 2552-10;

(V) “Ambulance Charges” from Worksheet C, Part I, Line 65, Column 7 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet C, Part I, Line 95, Column 7 from CMS 2552-10;

(VI) “Home Health Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Line 19, Column 2 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Line 22, Column 2 from CMS 2552-10;

(VII) “Total Rural Health Clinic Charges” from Worksheet C, Part I, Column 7, Lines 63.50–63.59 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet C, Part I, Column 7, Line 88 and subsets from CMS 2552-10; and

(VIII) “Other Non-Hospital Component Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Lines 6, 8, 21, 21.02, 23, and 24 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Lines 5, 7, 9, 21, 24, 26, and 27 from CMS 2552-10;

B. Obtain “Net Revenue” from Worksheet G-3, Line 3, Column 1. The state will ensure this amount is net of bad debts and other uncollectible charges by survey methodology;

C. “Adjusted Gross Total Charges” (the result of the computations in subparagraph (1)(A)13.A.) will then be further adjusted by a hospital-specific collection-to-charge ratio determined as follows:

(I) Divide “Net Revenue” by “Gross Total Charges”; and
(II) “Adjusted Gross Total Charges” will be multiplied by the result of part (1)(A)13.C.(I) to yield “Adjusted Net Revenue”;

D. Obtain “Gross Inpatient Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Line 25, Column 1 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Line 28, Column 1 from CMS 2552-10, of the most recent cost report that is available for a hospital;

E. Obtain “Gross Outpatient Charges” from Worksheet G-2, Line 25, Column 2 from CMS 2552-96, or Worksheet G-2, Line 28, Column 2 from CMS 2552-10, of the most recent cost report that is available for a hospital;

F. Total “Adjusted Net Revenue” will be allocated between “Net Inpatient Revenue” and “Net Outpatient Revenue” as follows:

(I) “Gross Inpatient Charges” will be divided by “Gross Total Charges”;

(II) “Adjusted Net Revenue” will then be multiplied by the result to yield “Net Inpatient Revenue”; and

(III) The remainder will be allocated to “Net Outpatient Revenue”; and

G. The trend indices, if greater than 0%, will be determined based on the Health Care Costs index as published in *Healthcare Cost Review* by Institute of Health Systems (IHS), or equivalent publication, regardless of any changes in the name of the publication or publisher, for each State Fiscal Year (SFY). The trend indices listed below will be applied to the apportioned inpatient adjusted net revenue and outpatient adjusted net revenue in order to inflate or trend forward the adjusted net revenues from the FRA fiscal year cost report to the current state fiscal year to determine the inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues subject to the FRA assessment.

[(I) SFY 2020 =

(a) Inpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—0%

(b) Outpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—2.9%]

[(II)](I) SFY 2021 =

(a) Inpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—3.2%

(b) Outpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—0%

[(III)](II) SFY 2022 =

(a) Inpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—4.2%

(b) Outpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—0%

[(IV)](III) SFY 2023 =

(a) Inpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—3.8%

(b) Outpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—0%

(IV) SFY 2024 =

(a) Inpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—0%

(b) Outpatient Adjusted Net Revenues—0%

(B) Each hospital engaging in the business of providing inpatient health care in Missouri shall pay an FRA. The FRA shall be calculated by the Department of Social Services.

1. The FRA shall be as described beginning with section (2) and going forward.

[2. If a hospital does not have a third prior year base cost report, inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues shall be estimated as follows:

A. Hospitals required to pay the FRA, except safety net hospitals, shall be divided in quartiles based on total beds;

B. The inpatient adjusted net revenue shall be summed for each quartile and divided by the total beds in the quartile to yield an average inpatient adjusted net revenue per bed. The number of beds for the hospital without the base cost report shall be multiplied by the average inpatient adjusted net revenue per bed to determine the estimated inpatient adjusted net revenue; and

C. The outpatient adjusted net revenue shall be summed for each quartile and divided by the number of facilities in the quartile to yield an average outpatient adjusted net revenue per facility which will be the estimated outpatient adjusted net revenue for the hospital without the base cost report.]

[3.]**2.** *[Beginning January 1, 2015, if]* If a hospital does not have a third prior year cost report on which to determine the hospital revenues subject to FRA assessment as set forth in paragraph (1)(A)13., inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues shall be based upon the projections included with its Certificate of Need (CON) application on the “Service-Specific Revenues and Expenses” form (CON projections) required in a full CON review as described in [19 CSR 60-50.300.]**19 CSR 60-50.470.** If the hospital did not go through a full CON review, it must submit a completed “Service-Specific Revenues and Expenses” form that has been verified by an independent auditor.

A. The hospital must provide the division with the breakdown of the inpatient and outpatient revenues that tie to the CON projections.

B. The CON projections and the breakdown of the inpatient and outpatient revenues are subject to review and validation by the division.

[C. If the facility does not provide the CON projections, the breakdown of the inpatient and outpatient revenues, or any other additional information requested by the division within thirty (30) days of the division’s request, the inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues shall be based upon the quartile method set forth in paragraph (1)(B)2.

D. Direct Medicaid and Uninsured Add-On Payments shall be included in the estimated inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues.]

[E.]C. Once the facility has a third prior year cost report, the assessment shall be based on the actual inpatient and outpatient adjusted net revenues from such cost report.

4. The FRA assessment for hospitals that merge operation under one (1) Medicare and MO HealthNet provider number shall be determined as follows:

A. The previously determined FRA assessment for each hospital shall be combined under the active MO HealthNet provider number for the remainder of the state fiscal year after the division receives official notification of the merger; and

B. The FRA assessment for subsequent fiscal years shall be based on the combined data for both facilities.

5. A hospital which either voluntarily or involuntarily terminates its license and which becomes relicensed will be assessed the same inpatient and outpatient assessment as the previous hospital owner/operator if the hospital becomes relicensed during the same state fiscal year. If the hospital does not become relicensed during the same state fiscal year, the inpatient and outpatient assessment will be determined based on the applicable base year data (i.e., third prior year). If the hospital does not have the applicable base year data, the inpatient and outpatient assessment will be based on the most recent cost report data available and will include annual trend factor adjustments from the year subsequent to the cost report period through the state fiscal year for which the assessments are being determined.

(C) The division shall prepare a confirmation schedule of the information from each hospital's third prior year cost report and provide each hospital with this schedule. Each hospital required to pay the FRA shall review the confirmation schedule and confirm the information is correct or provide correct information within fifteen (15) days of receiving the confirmation schedule. If the hospital fails to submit the corrected data within the fifteen (15) day time period, the hospital shall be barred from submitting corrected data later to have its FRA assessment or the *[add-on]* **additional** payments from 13 CSR 70-15.010, 13 CSR 70-15.015, *[and]*13 CSR 70-15.220, **and 13 CSR 70-15.230** adjusted.

1. The FRA will be offset against any Missouri Medicaid payment due the hospital. The FRA Assessments shall be allocated and deducted over the applicable period.

2. A letter will be sent to the hospital indicating the FRA balance due after offset, if any, at the end of each state fiscal quarter. The FRA balance due shall be remitted by the hospital to the MO HealthNet Division as stated in the letter.

[(D) In accordance with sections 621.055 and 208.156, RSMo, hospitals may seek a hearing before the Administrative Hearing Commission from a final decision of the director of the department or division.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2018, the FRA assessment shall be determined at the rate of five and sixty hundredths percent (5.60%) of each hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues as set forth in paragraph (1)(A)13. The FRA assessment rate of five and sixty hundredths percent (5.60%) will be applied individually to the hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues. The hospital's total FRA assessment is the sum of the assessment determined from its inpatient adjusted net revenue plus the assessment determined for its outpatient adjusted net revenue.]

[(3)](2) Beginning July 1, 2020, the FRA assessment shall be determined at a rate of five and seventy-five hundredths percent (5.75%) of each hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues as set forth in paragraph (1)(A)13. The FRA assessment rate will be applied individually to the hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues. The hospital's total FRA assessment is the sum of the assessment determined from its inpatient adjusted net revenue plus the assessment determined for its outpatient adjusted net revenue.

[(4)](3) Beginning July 1, 2021, the FRA assessment shall be determined at a rate of five and forty-eight hundredths percent (5.48%) of each hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues as set forth in paragraph (1)(A)13. The FRA assessment rate will be applied individually to the hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues. The hospital's total FRA assessment is the sum of the assessment determined from its inpatient adjusted net revenue plus the assessment determined for its outpatient adjusted net revenue.

[(5)](4) Beginning July 1, 2022, the FRA assessment shall be determined at a rate of five and four tenths percent (5.40%) of each hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues as set forth in paragraph (1)(A)13. The FRA assessment rate will be applied individually to the hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues. The hospital's total FRA assessment is the sum of the assessment determined from its inpatient adjusted net revenue plus the assessment determined for its outpatient adjusted net revenue.

(5) Beginning July 1, 2023, the FRA assessment shall be determined at a rate of four and eight tenths percent (4.80%) of each hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues as set forth in paragraph (1)(A)13. The FRA assessment rate will be applied individually to the hospital's inpatient adjusted net revenues and outpatient adjusted net revenues. The hospital's total FRA assessment is the sum of the assessment determined from its inpatient adjusted net revenue plus the assessment determined for its outpatient adjusted net revenue.

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PUBLIC COST: For SFY 2024, this proposed amendment will result in FRA Assessment reduction to public entities of approximately \$3.7 million.

PRIVATE COST: For SFY 2024, this proposed amendment will result in FRA Assessment reduction to private entities of approximately \$47 million.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Department of Social Services, Legal Services Division-Rulemaking, P.O. Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1527, or by email to Rules.Comment@dss.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*