

## **Public Notice of Prospective Reimbursement Plan for Nursing Facility and HIV Nursing Facility Services Reimbursement Rates Methodology**

June 30, 2025

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 and HIV Nursing Facility Services section) is being amended under State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 25-0012. The current State regulation, 13 CSR 70-10.020, Prospective Reimbursement Plan for Nursing Facility and HIV Nursing Facility Services, is also being amended with the same changes. The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is modifying the reimbursement plan for nursing facility and HIV nursing facility services in line with the appropriation authority passed by the Missouri General Assembly for SFY 2026 and approved by the Governor. This reimbursement change is also contingent upon approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Draft SPA pages are attached to the Public Notice and contains the changes summarized below. The same changes will be made to state regulation 13 CSR 70-10.020. Following are the primary revisions to the reimbursement plan, effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2025:

- Amends the cost report total Case Mix Index (CMI)
- Provides for replacement facilities to be designated as new or existing consistent with the criteria used for other new or existing nursing facilities
- Updates the value-based purchasing (VBP) quality measures and the corresponding per diem adjustments
- Clarifies the base rate for new facilities having their initial prospective rate set
- Provides for the multiple component incentive to be recalculated with the semi-annual and annual rate updates

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The reimbursement change 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. Following is the estimated fiscal impact of the proposed amendment:

- Total annual increase in expenditures is approximately \$3.36 million
    - Increase to nursing facility reimbursement for the increase in the VBP adjustment is approximately \$3.11 million, composed of \$1.08 million state funds and \$2.03 million federal funds
      - VBP per diem adjustments increase by \$0.38 per day for qualifying facilities, from \$3.04 to \$3.42 per day
    - Increase to hospice nursing home room and board is approximately \$0.25 million, composed of \$0.09 million state funds and \$0.16 million federal funds
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](mailto:Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov). Please use “Public Comment for Prospective Reimbursement Plan Nursing Facility and HIV Nursing Facility Services” in the subject line. Comments must be received by **July 30, 2025**.

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](mailto:Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov). These documents also may be viewed online at <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notice.htm>
4. No public hearing will be held.