



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES


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MEMORANDUM:

MEMO NO.
QI-1719

TO: QUEST Integration (QI) Health Plans

FROM:  Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD
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SUBJECT: MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE HOSPICE RATES EFFECTIVE
OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

The rates are based on the CMS publication related to Annual Change in Medicaid Hospice Payment Rates dated August 30, 2017 and the FY 2018 Hospice Wage Index downloaded from CMS website. The rates below are based on the assumption that all Hospice providers in the State of Hawaii have complied with the Quality Assurance regulations as stated in the CMS memorandum. The rates are effective for service dates starting on or after October 1, 2017.

I. Oahu (Urban) Hospice Providers

SERVICES	DAILY/HOURLY RATES
Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$223.64/day
Routine Home Care (Day +61)	\$175.65/day
Service Intensity Add-On	\$47.15/hour
Continuous Home Care	\$1,131.70/ day \$47.15/hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$204.59/day
General Inpatient Care	\$853.40/day

II. Neighbor Island (Rural) Hospice Providers

SERVICES	DAILY/HOURLY RATES
Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$208.19/day
Routine Home Care (Day +61)	\$163.52/day
Service Intensity Add-On	\$43.90/hour
Continuous Home Care	\$1,053.51/ day \$43.90/hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$193.12/day
General Inpatient Care	\$797.95/day

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Myrna Maramag, Accountant at (808) 692-7981.



DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

Date: August 30, 2017

From: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Subject: **Annual Change in Medicaid Hospice Payment Rates**

To: All Region IX Title XIX Medicaid Agencies

MEDICAID REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 17-01

This memorandum contains the Medicaid hospice payment rates for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The rates reflect changes made under the final Medicare hospice rule published on August 1, 2017 (CMS-1675-F). Please inform your staff and all state agencies in your jurisdiction of these new payment rates, which are effective October 1, 2017. We expect state agencies to share the Medicaid hospice payment rates for FY 2018 with the hospice providers in their states.

The Medicaid hospice payment rates are calculated based on the annual hospice rates established under Medicare. These rates are authorized by section 1814(i)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act (the Act), which also provides for an annual increase in payment rates for hospice care services. Rates for hospice physician services are not increased under this provision.

Additionally, section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act amended the Act to authorize a Medicare quality reporting program for hospices. Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Act requires that beginning with FY 2014 and for each subsequent FY, the Secretary shall reduce the market basket update by 2 percentage points for any hospice provider that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements with respect to that FY. We note that the Medicaid minimum rates would be reduced by the amount of any penalty due to non-reporting.

Based on these requirements, the two tables below include Medicaid hospice rates for FY 2018. Table 1 includes the Medicaid hospice rates that states will pay to providers that have complied with the quality reporting requirements. Table 2 provides rates for those providers that have not complied with the reporting requirements. The tables provide the minimum rates available for state Medicaid agencies to pay hospice providers and states retain their flexibility to pay providers more than the established minimum payments consistent with sections 1902(a)(13)(B) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

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The Medicaid hospice payment rates for: Routine Home Care (including the service intensity add-on), Continuous Home Care, Inpatient Respite Care, and General Inpatient Care will be in effect for all of FY 2018 and are as follows:

Table 1: 2018 Medicaid Hospice Rates for Routine Home Care (including the service intensity add-on), Continuous Home Care, Inpatient Respite Care, and General Inpatient Care for Hospice Providers that Have Submitted the Required Quality Data

DESCRIPTION	DAILY RATE	WAGE COMPONENT SUBJECT TO INDEX	NON-WEIGHTED AMOUNT
Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$193.03	\$132.63	\$60.40
Routine Home Care (Days 61+)	\$151.61	\$104.17	\$47.44
Service Intensity Add-On	\$40.70	\$27.97	\$12.74
Continuous Home Care	\$976.80 Full Rate = 24 hrs of care / \$40.70 hourly rate	\$671.16	\$305.64
Inpatient Respite Care	\$181.87	\$98.45	\$83.43
General Inpatient Care	\$743.55	\$475.95	\$267.60

Table 2: 2018 Medicaid Hospice Rates for Routine Home Care including the service intensity add-on, Continuous Home Care, Inpatient Respite Care, and General Inpatient Care for Hospice Providers that Have Not Submitted the Required Quality Data

DESCRIPTION	DAILY RATE	WAGE COMPONENT SUBJECT TO INDEX	NON-WEIGHTED AMOUNT
Routine Home Care (Days 1-60)	\$189.22	\$130.01	\$59.21
Routine Home Care (Days 61+)	\$148.60	\$102.10	\$46.50
Service Intensity Add-On	\$39.89	\$27.41	\$12.48
Continuous Home Care	\$957.45 Full Rate = 24hrs of care / \$39.89 hourly rate	\$657.87	\$299.59
Inpatient Respite Care	\$178.27	\$96.50	\$81.77
General Inpatient Care	\$728.83	\$466.52	\$262.31

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Section 1814(i)(2)(B) of the Act also provides for an annual increase in the hospice cap amounts. The hospice cap runs from November 1st of each year through October 31st of the following year. The hospice cap amount for Medicare for the cap year ending October 31, 2018, is \$28,689.04. This cap is optional for the Medicaid hospice program. States choosing to implement this cap must specify its use in the Medicaid state plan.

You may find the FY 2018 wage index at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/Hospice-Regulations-and-Notices-Items/CMS-1675-F.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLSort=3&DLSortDir=descending> (Scroll down to “Downloads” section and click on FY 2018 Final Hospice Wage Index.) This new wage index, effective October 1, 2017, should be used by states to adjust the wage component of the daily hospice payment rates to reflect local geographical differences in the wage levels. The daily hospice rates specified above are base rates, which must be revised accordingly when the wage component is adjusted.¹

If you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please call Danielle Motley at (410) 786-3837. This memorandum will be found on CMS’ website at <https://www.medicaid.gov/> by searching for “hospice rates”.

Sincerely,

/s/

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¹ The formula to apply to determine the hospice rates for a local geographic region is: Geographic Factor (from the Medicare wage index) x Wage Component Subject to Index + Non-Weighted Amount.