



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
Aging and Long Term-Support Administration  
Management Services Division  
PO Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600

December 27, 2023

**AL TSA: NH Rates #2023-003**

**RE: JANUARY 1, 2024 ADJUSTED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE**

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

The January 1, 2024 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is attached.

The Department calculated your facility's January 1, 2024 adjusted rate using your facility's Medicaid Average Case Mix Index (with defaults) from the 2 Semiannual 2023 Final Case Mix RUG Report (4/1/2023 through 9/30/2023) MDS 3.0 RUG IV Grouper 57.

For your January 1, 2024 rate, the Department used the most recently available four-quarter average CMS quality data, which for this rate setting is Four Quarters between 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022 to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023.

Continuing for January 1, 2024:

- Per Legislative Session 2023 ESSB 5187:
  - The Direct Care Median Lid is 100%
  - The Indirect Care Median occupancy calculation is 80%.
  - The Indirect Care Median Lid is 90%
  - The Rate Computation Worksheet includes the portion of Direct and Indirect Care Wage Equity Funding which is included in the respective rate components this fiscal year 2024.

The COVID-19 add-on will be decreased to \$1.67 for the January 1, 2024 rate. The \$3.84 inflation calculation add-on will continue in your January 1, 2024 rate.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your January 1, 2024 rate or any subsequent adjusted rate, please keep in mind WAC 388-96-904, the regulation that controls such requests. The regulation provides in part:

- (1)...The contractor's request for administrative review shall:
  - (a) Be signed by the contractor or by a partner, officer, or authorized employee of the contractor;
  - (b) State the particular issues raised; and
  - (c) Include all necessary supporting documentation or other information.
- (2) After receiving a request for administrative review conference that meets the criteria in subsection (1) of this section, the Department shall schedule an

administrative review conference. The conference may be conducted by telephone.

(3) At least fourteen calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the administrative review conference, the contractor must supply any additional or supporting documentation or information upon which the contractor intends to rely in presenting its case. In addition, the Department may request at any time prior to issuing a determination any documentation or information needed to decide the issues raised, and the contractor must comply with such a request within fourteen calendar days after it is received... The Department shall dismiss issues that cannot be decided or resolved due to a contractor's failure to provide requested documentation or information within the required period.

(Emphasis added)

The Department will enforce this regulation in responding to requests for administrative review. Requests that are not properly signed, that do not state the issues with particularity, or that are not supported by the required documentation or information, will be denied or dismissed. Email your appeal to the Office of Rates Management via the MFT site or the [nfrates@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:nfrates@dshs.wa.gov) mailbox.

If proof of the date of receipt of the Department's rate notification letter exists, then that date shall be used to determine the timeliness of your request for an administrative review conference. If there is no proof of the date of receipt of the Department's rate notification letter, then you will be deemed to have received notice by January 1, 2024 in accordance with WAC 388-96-904 (1).

If you have questions about your rate, please contact your analyst. The facility/analyst list is available on our website at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/management-services-division/nursing-facility-cost-reports>.

Sincerely,



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Office of Rates Management

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Attachments

cc: Interested Parties