



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

February 27, 2024

AL TSA: NH Rates #2024-001
RE: MARCH 1, 2024 MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE
FOR NURSING FACILITIES

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

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

The Department calculated your facility's March 1, 2024 using your facility's January 1, 2024 rate, adjusting the Safety Net Assessment Add-On to reflect the change to the upper level of the Safety Net Assessment. The Department has previously announced with the December 5, 2023 notice, that effective March 1, 2024, the upper level will increase from **\$23.00** to **\$29.00**. The lower level of \$1.00 will not change. The exemption categories, defining which facilities pay and whether they pay at the higher or lower level, will not change.

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)

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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 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 March 3, 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,



Tiffany A. Hills, Manager
Nursing Facility Rates
Office of Rates Management

Attachments
cc: Interested Parties