



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, 2019

AL TSA: NH Rates #2019-004

RE: JANUARY 1, 2020 ADJUSTED MEDICAID PAYMENT RATE

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

The January 1, 2020 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is enclosed.

The Department calculated your facility's January 1, 2020 adjusted rate using your facility's Medicaid Average Case Mix Index (with defaults) from the 2 Semiannual 2019 Final Case Mix RUG Report (4/1/2019 through 9/30/2019) MDS 3.0 RUG IV Grouper 57.

For your January 1, 2020 rate, the Department used the most recently available four-quarter average CMS quality data, which for this rate setting is Quarters Three and Four of 2018 and Quarters One and Two of 2019. Additionally, beginning October 1, 2019, CMS stopped publishing data for *Percentage of Long-Stay Residents Who Report Moderate to Severe Pain*. As a result, the Quality Enhancement component will no longer be calculated using this measure. Thus, your facility's quality measure component may have changed.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your January 1, 2019 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

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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. Mail your appeal to the Office of Rates Management at: P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600. Do not mail your appeal to our physical address of Blake West 4450 10th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Ground carriers such as UPS and FedEx can deliver to the physical address, but the Post Office will not.

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 Hills, Manager
Nursing Facility Rates
Office of Rates Management

Enclosures