



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

September 26, 2018

ALTSA: NH Rates #2018-002

**RE: OCTOBER 2018 MEDICAID RATES FOR NURSING
FACILITIES AND 2017 EXAMINATION ADJUSTMENTS**

Dear Nursing Facility Administrator:

The October 1, 2018 Medicaid payment rate for your facility is enclosed.

The Department calculated your facility's October 1, 2018 rate using your facility's July 1, 2018 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 July 30, 2018 letter, that effective October 1, 2018, the upper level will increase from **\$21.50** to **\$23.00**. 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.

For your ease of reference, a copy of the Notice Concerning the Safety Net Assessment, previously sent to facilities, can be found at:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/ALTSA/msd/documents/SNA%20Notice%20with%2010-1-18%20Effective%20Date.pdf>

If a timely appeal of your July 1, 2018 rate is pending, when it is resolved, any changes made to adjustments because of the appeal will appear in the January 1, 2019 rate as a Roll Forward Add-On.

If you wish to request an administrative review conference in relation to your October 1, 2018 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.

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(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. 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. Ground carriers such as UPS and FedEx can deliver to the physical address of Blake West 4450 10th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503, but the Post Office will not.

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 October 1, 2018 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,



Peter Graham, Chief
Office of Rates Management

Enclosures
cc: Interested Parties