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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Hospice Transmittal No. 14
October 18, 2017

TO: Hospice Providers
FROM: *Susan J. Tucker*
 Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services
RE: Hospice Payment Rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2018
NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

 Attached are the Maryland Medicaid Program's hospice payment rates for federal fiscal year 2018 (October 1, 2017—September 30, 2018). These rates are calculated based on the annual hospice rates established under Medicare. They 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.

Please note that Section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act established a quality reporting program for hospices. Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Act requires that 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. We note that the Medicaid minimum rates are reduced by the amount of any penalty due to non-reporting. Accordingly, there are two rate tables: Table 1: Actual Market Basket Update and Table 2: Reduced Market Basket Update.

Please also note that the hospice cap runs from November 1st of each year ending October 31st of the following year. The latest hospice cap amount for the year ending October 31, 2018, is \$28,689.04. Information regarding the FY 2018 hospice wage index and the cap amount may be found on the CMS website at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-payment/Hospice/index.html>.

If you have questions concerning Maryland Medicaid hospice rates, please contact Ms. Leslie Jackson, Hospice Program, at (410) 767-1714.

Attachments

cc: Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland

Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates
FY 2018 Hospice Payment Rates and Wage Index Figures at the Full Market Basket Rate
Effective October 1, 2017

CBSA	Areal Region	Counties	Wage Index	Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654) Per 15 Minute Unit	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
12580	Baltimore-Towson Area [01]	Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Queen Anne's	0.9583	\$187.49	\$147.27	\$9.88	\$948.81	\$39.54	\$177.76	\$723.70
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.0325	\$197.33	\$155.00	\$10.40	\$998.61	\$41.62	\$185.07	\$759.02
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	0.9942	\$192.25	\$151.01	\$10.13	\$972.91	\$40.55	\$181.30	\$740.79
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0873	\$204.60	\$160.70	\$10.78	\$1,035.39	\$43.15	\$190.46	\$785.10
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.8895	\$178.37	\$140.10	\$9.40	\$902.64	\$37.62	\$170.99	\$690.96
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.8000	\$166.50	\$130.78	\$8.77	\$842.57	\$35.12	\$162.18	\$648.36
43524	Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	0.9797	\$190.33	\$149.50	\$10.03	\$963.18	\$40.14	\$179.87	\$733.89
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett	0.8738	\$176.28	\$138.46	\$9.29	\$892.10	\$37.18	\$169.45	\$683.49
15680	California/Lexington Park Area [09]	St. Mary's	0.9083	\$180.86	\$142.06	\$9.53	\$915.25	\$38.15	\$172.84	\$699.91
Wage Component Subject to Index:										
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
				\$132.62	\$104.17	\$6.99	\$671.16	\$27.97	\$98.45	\$475.95
Non-Wage Component:										
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
				\$60.40	\$47.44	\$3.18	\$305.64	\$12.74	\$83.42	\$267.60

The Medicaid hospice payment rates and wage index figures for October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 obtained from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), has been 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, which provides an annual increase in payment rates for hospice care services. Rates for hospice physician services are not increased under this provision. The final rule for hospice wage index regulations for the Urban Areas for Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA) can be found in the Federal Register. The latest hospice cap amount for the cap year ending October 31, 2018, is \$28,689.04.

**Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates
 FY 2018 Hospice Payment Rates and Wage Index Figures at the Reduced Market Basket Rate
 Effective October 1, 2017**

CBSA	Area/Region	Counties	Wage Index	Wage Component Subject to Index:										
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654) Per 15 Minute Unit	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)				
12580	Baltimore-Towson Area [01]	Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Queen Anne's	0.9583	\$183.80	\$144.34	\$9.68	\$930.02	\$38.75	\$174.25	\$709.38				
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince Georges, Washington DC	1.0325	\$193.45	\$151.92	\$10.19	\$978.83	\$40.78	\$181.41	\$743.99				
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wilcomico, Worcester	0.9942	\$188.47	\$0.00	\$9.93	\$953.63	\$39.73	\$177.71	\$726.12				
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0873	\$200.57	\$157.51	\$10.57	\$1,014.88	\$42.28	\$186.69	\$769.56				
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.8895	\$174.85	\$137.32	\$9.21	\$884.76	\$36.86	\$167.61	\$677.28				
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.8000	\$163.22	\$128.18	\$8.60	\$825.88	\$34.41	\$158.97	\$635.53				
43524	Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	0.9797	\$186.58	\$146.53	\$9.83	\$944.10	\$39.33	\$176.31	\$719.36				
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett	0.8738	\$172.81	\$135.71	\$9.11	\$874.43	\$36.43	\$166.09	\$669.96				
15680	California/ Lexington Park Area [09]	St. Mary's	0.9083	\$177.30	\$139.24	\$9.34	\$897.12	\$37.38	\$169.42	\$686.05				
				Wage Component Subject to Index:										
				hospice payment rates and wage index figures for	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)				
				\$130.01	\$102.10	\$6.85	\$657.87	\$27.41	\$96.50	\$466.52				
				Non-Wage Component:										
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)				
				\$59.21	\$46.50	\$3.12	\$299.58	\$12.48	\$81.77	\$262.31				

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