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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Hospice Transmittal No. 19
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To: Hospice Providers

From: Marlana R. Hutchinson, Director 
Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Subject: Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Hospice Rates

Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Attached are the Maryland Medicaid Program's hospice payment rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021). 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.

Section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act established a quality reporting program for hospices. Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act requires that the Secretary shall reduce the market basket update by two percentage points for any hospice provider that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements. Accordingly, we have reduced the Maryland Medicaid rates for non-compliant providers by two percentage points as shown in Table 2: Reduced Market Basket Update.

The hospice cap runs from October 1st of each year ending September 30th of the following year. The latest hospice cap amount for the year ending September 30, 2021, is \$30,683.93. Information regarding the FFY 2021 hospice wage index and the cap amount may be found on the CMS website at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/hospice/payment/index.html>.

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

Attachments:

- Table 1: Full Market Basket Update
- Table 2: Reduced Market Basket Update

cc: Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland

Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates
FFY 2021 Hospice Payment Rates and Wage Index Figures at the Full Market Basket Rate
Effective October 1, 2020

CBSA	Area/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-Tow son Area [01]	Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Queen Anne's	0.9521	\$192.94	\$152.50	\$14.44	\$1,385.81	\$57.74	\$472.78	\$1,013.60
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.0152	\$201.59	\$159.34	\$15.08	\$1,447.94	\$60.32	\$489.35	\$1,055.83
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	0.9247	\$189.19	\$149.53	\$14.16	\$1,358.83	\$56.61	\$465.58	\$995.26
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0928	\$212.23	\$167.74	\$15.88	\$1,524.34	\$63.51	\$509.74	\$1,107.77
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.8618	\$180.57	\$142.72	\$13.51	\$1,296.90	\$54.03	\$449.05	\$953.16
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.9002	\$185.83	\$146.88	\$13.90	\$1,334.71	\$55.61	\$459.14	\$978.86
23224	Frederick-Gaithersburg-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	0.9834	\$197.23	\$155.89	\$14.76	\$1,416.63	\$59.02	\$481.00	\$1,034.55
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett	0.8626	\$180.68	\$142.80	\$13.52	\$1,297.69	\$54.06	\$449.26	\$953.69
15680	California/ Lexington Park Area [09]	St. Mary's	0.9025	\$186.14	\$147.13	\$13.93	\$1,336.97	\$55.70	\$459.74	\$980.40
				Wage Component Subject to Index:						
<p>The Medicaid hospice payment rates and wage index figures for October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 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 September 30, 2021, is \$30,683.93.</p>				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)
				\$137.08	\$108.35	\$10.26	\$984.59	\$41.02	\$262.72	\$669.33
				Non-Wage Component:						
				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)
				\$62.43	\$49.34	\$4.67	\$448.38	\$18.68	\$222.64	\$376.33

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47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.0152	\$196.78	\$155.53	\$14.69	\$1,410.75	\$58.78	\$477.69	\$1,031.19
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	0.9247	\$184.67	\$145.96	\$13.79	\$1,323.93	\$55.16	\$454.48	\$972.03
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0928	\$207.17	\$163.73	\$15.47	\$1,485.19	\$61.88	\$497.59	\$1,081.91
25180	Hagerstow n Area [05]	Washington	0.8618	\$176.26	\$139.30	\$13.16	\$1,263.59	\$52.65	\$438.35	\$930.91
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.9002	\$181.40	\$143.37	\$13.55	\$1,300.43	\$54.18	\$448.20	\$956.01
23224	Frederick-Gaithersburg-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	0.9834	\$192.53	\$152.16	\$14.38	\$1,380.25	\$57.51	\$469.53	\$1,010.40
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett	0.8626	\$176.36	\$139.39	\$13.17	\$1,264.36	\$52.68	\$438.55	\$931.43
15680	California/ Lexington Park Area [09]	St. Mary's	0.9025	\$181.70	\$143.61	\$13.57	\$1,302.64	\$54.27	\$448.79	\$957.51
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				\$133.81	\$105.76	\$9.99	\$959.31	\$39.97	\$256.46	\$653.70
				Non-Wage Component:						
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