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**101 CMR 343.00: Hospice Services**  
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**Rate Update**

Pursuant to 101 CMR 343.00, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has updated the hospice per diem and per hour rates for MassHealth hospice providers to coincide with the Medicaid hospice rates established by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. In accordance with 101 CMR 343.01(1) and 343.04(3) this Administrative Bulletin announces the MassHealth hospice rates in effect from October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015. In 2014, CMS instituted a two-rate system for the Medicaid national components for compliance and noncompliance with federal quality reporting standards. Hospices that fail to submit required quality data in a given year will incur a 2 percentage point reduction to the market basket percentage increase. While EOHHS is providing these two types of rates for hospice providers, for the period covered under this Administrative Bulletin, providers will be paid per the compliance rates. MassHealth does not currently collect compliance data, but will be looking into the process for collecting this data. The expected fiscal impact for MassHealth for the effective period of these rates is an increase of \$129,389, based upon FY2014 spending of \$6,875,850 and an overall average increase of 1.88%.

The revised hospice per diem and per hour rates by county are as follows:

<u>Counties:</u> Norfolk, Suffolk, Plymouth	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 187.71 per diem	\$ 184.03 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 45.60 per hour	\$ 44.71 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 197.61 per diem	\$ 193.73 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 825.32 per diem	\$ 809.15 per diem

<u>County: Middlesex</u>	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 173.25 per diem	\$ 169.86 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 42.09 per hour	\$ 41.27 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 185.22 per diem	\$ 181.59 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 765.48 per diem	\$ 750.48 per diem

<u>County: Essex</u>	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 166.69 per diem	\$ 163.42 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 40.50 per hour	\$ 39.70 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 179.59 per diem	\$ 176.07 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 738.30 per diem	\$ 723.84 per diem

<u>County: Bristol</u>	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 166.53 per diem	\$ 163.27 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 40.46 per hour	\$ 39.67 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 179.46 per diem	\$ 175.94 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 737.67 per hour	\$ 723.21 per hour

<u>Counties: Berkshire, Pittsfield</u>	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 170.75 per diem	\$ 167.40 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 41.48 per hour	\$ 40.67 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 183.08 per diem	\$ 179.49 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 755.14 per diem	\$ 740.34 per diem

<u>Counties:</u> Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 164.81 per diem	\$ 161.58 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 40.04 per hour	\$ 39.26 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 177.99 per diem	\$ 174.50 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 730.55 per diem	\$ 716.23 per diem

<u>County:</u> Worcester	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 178.10 per diem	\$ 174.61 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 43.27 per hour	\$ 42.42 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 189.37 per diem	\$ 185.66 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 785.53 per diem	\$ 770.14 per diem

<u>County:</u> Barnstable	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 193.84 per diem	\$ 190.04 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 47.09 per hour	\$ 46.17 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 202.86 per diem	\$ 198.88 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 850.68 per diem	\$ 834.01 per diem

<u>Counties:</u> Rural (Nantucket, Dukes)	<u>Compliant Rates</u>	<u>Noncompliant Rates</u>
Routine Home Care	\$ 200.56 per diem	\$ 196.63 per diem
Continuous Home Care	\$ 48.72 per hour	\$ 47.77 per hour
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 208.61 per diem	\$ 204.52 per diem
General Inpatient Care	\$ 878.49 per diem	\$ 861.28 per diem