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**101 CMR 343.00: Hospice Services**

Effective October 1, 2017

**Updates to the Hospice Rates**

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 (CMS). In accordance with 101 CMR 343.01(4) and 343.04(3)(b), this administrative bulletin announces the MassHealth hospice rates effective October 1, 2017 in accordance with CMS established rates for hospice services.

In 2014, CMS instituted a two-rate system for the Medicaid national components for compliance and noncompliance with federal quality reporting standards. Hospice providers that fail to submit required quality data in a given year will incur a 2 percentage point reduction to the market basket percentage increase.

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

Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2017

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| Barnstable County | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $229.20 | $224.67 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $180.02 | $176.44 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $48.34 | $47.36 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $48.33 | $47.37 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $208.73 | $204.59 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $873.34 | $856.05 |

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| Berkshire County | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $201.35 | $197.37 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $158.14 | $155.00 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $42.46 | $41.61 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $42.45 | $41.61 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $188.05 | $184.32 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $773.39 | $758.08 |

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| Bristol County | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $200.70 | $196.73 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $157.63 | $154.50 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $42.33 | $41.47 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $42.32 | $41.48 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $187.57 | $183.85 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $771.06 | $755.79 |

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| Essex and Middlesex Counties | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $206.44 | $202.36 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $162.14 | $158.92 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $43.54 | $42.66 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $43.53 | $42.67 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $191.83 | $188.03 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $791.67 | $776.00 |

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| Hampden and Hampshire Counties | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $193.26 | $189.44 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $151.79 | $148.77 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $40.76 | $39.94 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $40.75 | $39.94 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $182.05 | $178.43 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $744.36 | $729.62 |

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| Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk Counties | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $233.96 | $229.34 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $183.76 | $180.11 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $49.34 | $48.35 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $49.33 | $48.35 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $212.26 | $208.05 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $890.43 | $872.80 |

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| Worcester County | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $212.38 | $208.19 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $166.81 | $163.50 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $44.79 | $43.89 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $44.78 | $43.89 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $196.24 | $192.35 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $812.99 | $796.90 |

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| Rural: Dukes, Franklin, and Nantucket Counties | Compliant Rate | Non-Compliant Rate  |
| Routine Home Care (1-60 days) | Per Diem | $204.12 | $200.09 |
| Routine Home Care (61+ days) | Per Diem | $160.32 | $157.14 |
| Service Intensity Add-on  | Per Diem | $43.05 | $42.18 |
| Continuous Home Care  | Per Hour | $43.04 | $42.19 |
| Inpatient Respite | Per Diem | $190.11 | $186.34 |
| General Inpatient | Per Diem | $783.34 | $767.83 |