MassHealth rates for hospice services can be found in the Division of Health Care Finance and

Policy (DHCFP) regulations (114.3 CMR 43.02) at www.mass.gov/dhcfp under hospice services.

Please note that the DHCFP regulations have the hospice room and board as a per diem amount

paid to the hospice. In accordance with DHCFP regulations, the hospice room and board amount

must be equal to at least 95% of what MassHealth would pay the nursing facility for a nonhospice

MassHealth member in a nursing facility.

The following is an example of how to calculate 95% for the hospice room and board amount for

a claim submitted to MassHealth.

The nursing facility submits the member's MMQ score to the hospice. If the MMQ score was S

with a rate of $212.85, then the hospice would calculate the rate as $212.85 x 95% = $202.21.

The hospice would then multiply $202.21 times the number of days the member was in the

nursing facility under hospice. If the number of days was 14, then the hospice would multiply

$202.21 x 14 days = $2830.94.

The hospice would then enter the patient paid amount (PPA) on the claim. If the PPA was

$200.00, then the hospice would enter $200.00 in the appropriate place on the claim. MassHealth

would deduct the PPA from the hospice total charge of $2830.94. The MassHealth payment to the

hospice would then be $2630.94.

If there is a change in the member's MMQ score or the patient paid amount, the hospice can

send an adjusted claim to MassHealth.

There is a job aid posted on the NewMMIS Web page at

http://www.mass.gov/masshealth/newmmis/gettrained with detailed instructions on how to fill

out a claim for room and board charges.

If you need further assistance, please contact MassHealth Customer Service at 1-800-841-2900 or

by e-mail at providersupport@mahealth.net.