



Hospice Billing Tips

Hospice Billing Tips for Room and Board Charges When a Member Is in a Long Term Care Facility

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 \times 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 \times 14 \text{ 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.