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Medical Care Programs

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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MEMORANDUM

To: Hospice Providers

From: Jane Sacco, Chief 
Division of Long Term Care Services
Office of Health Services

Date: May 16, 2016

Subject: Enhanced Routine Home Care and Service Intensity Add-On Payments

As you know, effective January 1, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) modified the payment methodology for Routine Home Care (RHC) to implement two rates that result in a higher base payment for the first 60 days of hospice care and a reduced base payment rate for days thereafter. Also, CMS instituted a service intensity add-on (SIA) payment for services provided by a registered nurse or social worker during the last seven days of a patient's life. The codes and rates for each service are attached. Specific instructions for billing the enhanced services are also attached.

Please note that the former Routine Home Care (RHC)(revenue code 0651) has been renamed the Routine Home Care Day 61+ (RHC-61+). If you were eligible for payment for Routine Home Care for the First 60 Days (RHC-1st60)(revenue code 0653) yet billed the former RHC revenue code, please submit a request to adjust this payment. If you were eligible for payment for the SIA payment, please submit a request to add this payment. The Program will adjust any payments made to revenue code 0651 that are not being "upcoded" to 0653.

Any questions regarding this Memorandum may be directed to Ms. Leslie Jackson, Hospice Coordinator, at (410) 767-1714.

Attachments

cc: Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BILLING NEW REVENUE CODES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2016

Enhanced Rate for the First 60 Days of Hospice Enrollment (revenue code 0653)

Providers may use this revenue code to bill the Medicaid Program for recipients receiving routine home care (RHC) during the first 60 continuous days of hospice care. The following describes how the 60 days is calculated under various situations:

1. If a recipient receives both RHC and another category of hospice care (e.g., Continuous Home Care) during the first 60 days of hospice enrollment, the enhanced payment is made only for days for which RHC applies; however, all reimbursed days are used to calculate the 60-day period.

Example: Recipient enrolls on March 1. The provider's eligibility for enhanced RHC payment runs from March 1 through April 29, even if the recipient received care under a different reimbursement category for some or all of those days.

2. If a recipient is discharged from hospice care before the first 60 days have elapsed then re-enrolls, the hospice provider with whom the recipient re-enrolls is eligible only for the remaining days, unless there is a gap of 60 or more days between the enrollments. If the full 60 days had been used at the time of discharge, the re-enrolling provider is not eligible for the enhanced rate unless 60 or more days have elapsed between enrollments.

Example: Recipient enrolls on March 1, is discharged on April 1, and re-enrolls on May 15. Because the recipient has used 31 days of continuous hospice enrollment, the re-enrolling provider is eligible for only 29 days of enhanced RHC starting May 15. If the recipient had re-enrolled on May 31 or later, the re-enrolling provider would be eligible for the full 60 days of enhanced RHC.

3. If a recipient transfers to a different hospice provider during the first 60 days of enhanced RHC, the second provider is eligible only for the remaining enhanced RHC period.

Service Intensity Add-On (SIA) for the Last Seven Days of Life (revenue code 0654)

Providers may bill the Program for visits by a social worker or a registered nurse, when provided during routine home care in the last seven days of life. This SIA payment is in addition to the RHC rate and may not be billed in conjunction with continuous home care, inpatient respite care, or general inpatient care. The rate is payable in 15-minute increments for a maximum of four hours (sixteen 15-minute units) per day. The visits and duration of each visit shall be documented in the recipient's medical record.

**Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates
 FFY 2016 Quarters 2 Through 4 Hospice Payment Rates and Wage Index Figures at the Full Market Basket Rate
 Effective January 1, 2016**

CBBSA	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)	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
12580	Baltimore-Towson Area [01]	Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Queen Anne's	0.9950	\$186.44	\$146.51	\$9.81	\$923.37 (\$38.47/hr)	\$172.32	\$703.67
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.0415	\$192.41	\$151.21	\$10.13	\$952.97 (\$39.71/hr)	\$176.67	\$724.68
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico, (new) Worcester	0.8877	\$172.64	\$135.68	\$9.09	\$855.06 (\$35.63/hr)	\$162.29	\$655.18
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0432	\$192.63	\$151.38	\$10.14	\$954.05 (\$39.75/hr)	\$176.83	\$725.45
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.9080	\$175.25	\$137.73	\$9.22	\$867.98 (\$36.17/hr)	\$164.19	\$664.36
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.8374	\$166.18	\$130.59	\$8.75	\$823.03 (\$34.29/hr)	\$157.58	\$365.46
43524	Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	1.0198	\$189.63	\$149.02	\$9.98	\$939.16 (\$39.13/hr)	\$174.64	\$714.88
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett (deleted St. Mary's, Worcester)	0.8650	\$169.73	\$133.38	\$8.93	\$840.60 (\$35.03/hr)	\$160.16	\$644.93
15680	(new) California/Lexington Park Area [09]	(new) St. Mary's	0.8574	\$168.75	\$132.61	\$8.88	\$835.77 (\$34.82/hr)	\$159.45	\$641.49
Wage Component Subject to Index:									
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0651)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652)	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
				\$128.54	\$101.02	\$6.77	\$636.63	\$93.53	\$451.87
Non-Wage Component:									
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0651)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652)	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
				\$58.54	\$46.00	\$3.08	\$289.92	\$79.26	\$254.06

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				\$57.39	\$45.10	\$3.02	\$289.92	\$79.26	\$254.06

The Medicaid hospice payment rates and wage index figures for October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 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 October 31, 2015, is \$27,382.63.