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DATE: December 2, 2022

FROM: Department of Community Health - Office of Reimbursement

TO: Medicaid Providers

RE: Revised Billing Rate Effective July 1, 2021
Approved Public Health Emergency “PHE” Policy Change
June 30, 2019 Cost Report Update with June 30, 2021 GL/PL, RSMMeans, and Taxes
& Insurance

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has notified the Department of Community Health (DCH) of its acceptance of Public Health Emergency “PHE” Policy Change, Reimbursement for Nursing Facility Services. The Department will use the audited 2019 Medicaid cost report with audited 2021 Medicaid cost report data for GL/PL, RSMMeans, and Taxes & Insurance to calculate the nursing home rate effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Included in the rate calculation is a five (5%) percent growth allowance inflation factor and a hold harmless provision for the first year of the rate calculation.

Please review Chapter 1000 of the Policies and Procedures for Nursing Facility Services manual which outlines the methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. Your facility’s per diem rate was calculated using the case mix index scores and Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) scores computed from your facility’s Listing of Residents Report.

You may access your revised billing rate sheet on the Department of Community Health’s website (www.dch.georgia.gov/providers/provider-types/nursing-home-providers).

If you wish to appeal your facility’s revised nursing home rate, you must follow the procedures as outlined in Appendix I of the Policies and Procedures for Nursing Services manual. Such documentation must be submitted to DCH by January 3, 2023; otherwise, DCH’s calculation stands and will not be re-considered.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Reimbursement.

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