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DATE: April 1, 2024
FROM: Department of Community Health - Office of Reimbursement
TO: Medicaid Providers
RE: Billing Rate Effective April 1, 2024

Attached is your facility's billing rate effective April 1, 2024. Providers should review their rates and the notify the Department of any errors found in the billing rate computations. The Department will correct all billing rate computation errors and claims impacted by the billing rate error will be reprocessed in the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GMMIS). Billing rates will be e-mailed to nursing facilities and placed on the DCH website <https://dch.georgia.gov/providers/provider-types/nursing-home-providers/reimbursement-rates>.

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. States were notified by The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that they (CMS) would no longer support RUG classification after October 1, 2023. Due to this change, the Department can not use the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) scores computed from your facility's corrected "Listing of Residents" for Quarter Ending December 31, 2023 because the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) is not being implemented until July 1, 2024.

April 1, 2024 Rate Components:

- Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) scores computed from your facility's Final "Listing of Residents" for Quarter Ending September 30, 2023.
- Provider Fee Nursing Hours from Quarter Ending December 31, 2023.
- NRC (MyInnerView) Survey add-ons for Quarter Ending December 31, 2023

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 May 1, 2024; otherwise, DCH's calculation stands and will not be re-considered. Appeal requests and supporting documents can be emailed to nh.appeals@dch.ga.gov.

Additional information regarding Georgia's implementation of PDPM as a part of the nursing home reimbursement methodology, can be located on the on the Department of Community Health's website at <https://dch.georgia.gov/providers/provider-types/nursing-home-providers/pdpm>. SFY 2023 Shadow Rates for nursing home providers can also be found at this location.

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

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