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**DATE:** July 2, 2025

**FROM:** Department of Community Health - Office of Reimbursement

**TO:** Medicaid Providers

**RE:** Final Revised Billing Rate Effective July 1, 2025

2023 Cost Report Update

Based upon the approved SFY 2026 Budget (HB 68), the Department used the audited 2023 Medicaid cost report to calculate a final nursing home rate effective July 1, 2025. The nursing home rates will be updated annually subject to state appropriations using audited cost reports. Providers may access their revised billing rate sheet on the Department of Community Health's website (<a href="https://dch.georgia.gov/providers/provider-types/nursing-home-providers/reimbursement-rates">https://dch.georgia.gov/providers/provider-types/nursing-home-providers/reimbursement-rates</a>).

NCR Health uses the following data sources to determine the quality incentive add-on.

- Family/Resident and Employee Satisfaction Survey
- CMS Nursing Home Compare (Q4 2024)
  - o Influenza vaccine (CMS now reports data for 2023Q3–2024Q2)
- Quality Profile (Q1 2025)

Please review Chapter 1000 of the <u>Policies and Procedures for Nursing Facility Services</u> manual, which outlines the methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. Please notice that we have utilized the case mix index scores and the Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) scores computed from your facility's corrected PDPM "Listing of Residents" for March 31, 2025 to calculate your revised rate. If you submitted timely payment source corrections to the Department, your corrected PDPM "Listing of Residents" should reflect the appropriate changes in payment source. **Please note that you will receive an email from Myers and Stauffer stating that your corrected PDPM "Listing of Residents" is available for download.** If you <u>have not</u> successfully accessed the Web Portal to electronically download your "Listing of Residents" prior to this mailing, contact the Office of Reimbursement at <a href="mailto:nhpassword@dch.ga.gov">nhpassword@dch.ga.gov</a> as soon as possible.

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 August 4, 2025; otherwise, DCH's calculation stands and will not be re-considered. Appeal requests and supporting documents can be emailed to <a href="mailto:nh.appeals@dch.ga.gov">nh.appeals@dch.ga.gov</a>.

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

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