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DATE: July 9, 2026
FROM: Department of Community Health - Office of Reimbursement
TO: Medicaid Providers
RE: Final Revised Billing Rate Effective July 1, 2026
2024 Cost Report Update

Based upon the approved SFY 2027 Budget (HB 974), the Department used the audited 2024 Medicaid cost report to calculate a final nursing home rate effective July 1, 2026. The nursing home rates will be updated annually subject to state appropriations using audited cost reports. The Fair Rental Value rate calculation remains based on the SFY 2023 RSMeans Cost Per Square Foot and Patient Days. Providers may access their revised billing rate sheet on the Department of Community Health's 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. 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, 2026 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.**

The Base Period Overall PDPM calculation utilized SFY 2024 (Qtr. Ending September 30, 2023 – June 30, 2024) Brief Interview for Mental Status (BIMS) scores. **You will receive an email from Myers and Stauffer stating that your corrected PDPM "Listing of Residents" is available for download.** If you have not successfully accessed the Web Portal to electronically download your "Listing of Residents" prior to this mailing, contact the Office of Reimbursement at nhpassword@dch.ga.gov 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 Q.C of the Policies and Procedures for Nursing Services manual. The written request must address all questioned disallowance(s) and other specific point(s) of dispute and **must be** accompanied by supporting documents or other evidence to justify reconsideration. Requests for reconsideration can **must be** submitted electronically to nh.appeals@dch.ga.gov by August 9, 2026; otherwise, DCH's calculation stands and will not be re-considered. Appeal requests and supporting documents **must be** emailed to nh.appeals@dch.ga.gov.

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

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