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MEMORANDUM

To: Maryland Medicaid Hospice Providers

From: Marc A. Blowe, Chief
Division of Community Long Term Care

Subject: Revised Maryland Medicaid FY 2012 Hospice Rates

Date: October 6, 2011

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a memo dated August 25, 2011setting forth revisions to the hospice wage index. Medicaid FY 2012 reimbursement for hospice services are based on the wage index issued in the August 4, 2011 Federal Register (volume 76, number 150). Attached is a revised chart detailing Maryland Medicaid's hospice rates effective October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Information regarding the FY 2012 hospice wage index may be found on the CMS website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/hospice.asp. If you have questions concerning Maryland Medicaid hospice rates, please call Ms. Jeneffer Haslam at (410) 767-1444 or 1-877- 4MD-DHMH extension 1444.

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Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates

Effective October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012

CBSA	Area/ Region	Counties	Wage Index	Routine Home Care-(0651)	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	1.0616	$157.63	$919.13 ($38.30)	$169.92	$698.33
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.1100	$162.66	$948.46 ($39.52 hr)	$174.23	$719.14
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico	0.9322	$144.18	$840.73 ($35.03hr)	$158.41	$642.68
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0952	$161.12	$939.49 ($39.15 hr)	$172.91	$712.78
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.9579	$146.86	$856.30 ($35.68 hr)	$160.69	$653.74
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.8474	$135.37	$789.35 ($32.89 hr)	$150.86	$606.22
13644	Bethesda-Frederick-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	1.0895	$160.53	$936.04 ($39.00 hr)	$172.41	$710.33
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett, St.Mary's, Worcester	0.9498	$146.01	$851.39 ($35.47)	$159.97	$650.25

The Medicaid hospice payment rates and wage index figures for October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 obtained from the Centers for Medicare and MedicaidServices (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, 2011, is $24,527.69. In computing the cap, CMS used the medical care expenditure category of the March 2011 Consumer Price Index for all Urban consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, (see http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm on the Internet), which was 397.726.

Wage Component Subject to Index:			
Routine Home Care- (0651)	Continuous Home Care- (0652)	Respite In-Patient Care - (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
$103.91	$605.89	$89.01	$430.04

Non-Wage Component:			
Routine Home Care- (0651)	Continuous Home Care- (0652)	Respite In-Patient Care - (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
$47.32	$275.92	$75.43	$241.80