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Hospice rate increase

This Update describes increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospice services performed on and after October 1, 1998.

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As required under federal law, Wisconsin Medicaid has increased its rates for the four basic hospice services provided on and after October 1, 1998. These rates were issued by the federal Health Care Financing Administration.

The four basic hospice services (and revenue codes) are:

- Routine home care - Code 651.
- Continuous home care - Code 652.
- Inpatient respite care - Code 655.
- General inpatient care - Code 656.

Routine and continuous home care hospice service rates are based on the recipient's county of residence. A list of these rates is on page 2.

The information in this Update applies to fee-for-service Medicaid claims only. If you are a Medicaid HMO network provider, contact your managed care organization for more information about their procedures. Coverage is the same for Medicaid recipients in both fee-for-service and managed care programs.

Wisconsin Medicaid will adjust claims

Wisconsin Medicaid will adjust any claims for services provided on and after October 1, 1998, that were paid at the previous rates. We will advise you when the adjustments are made through the Medicaid Remittance and Status Report.

Routine and continuous home care service rates now based on recipient's address

As of October 1, 1997, routine and continuous home care hospice service rates are based on the recipient's address (i.e., the county to which the recipient's Medicaid ID card is sent, not the county on the provider's certification file).

Wisconsin Medicaid has made no changes in billing for these services. Continue billing Wisconsin Medicaid according to current billing instructions.

The Wisconsin Medicaid Update is the first source for provider information including Medicaid policy and billing information.

Wisconsin Medicaid is administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For more information, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid.

Wisconsin Medicaid Hospice Rates

Effective for Dates of Services on and after October 1, 1998

County Name	Revenue Code [Type of Service (TOS) H]			
	651/day Routine Care	652/hour Continuous Home	655/day Inpatient Respite	656/day General Inpatient
Brown	\$96.32	\$23.40	\$104.97	\$428.22
Calumet Outagamie Winnebago	\$94.76	\$23.02	\$103.63	\$421.75
Chippewa	\$94.27	\$22.91	\$103.21	\$419.73
Eau Claire	\$94.27	\$22.91	\$103.21	\$419.73
Dane	\$99.85	\$24.26	\$107.99	\$442.82
Douglas (St. Louis Co., MN)	\$93.45	\$22.71	\$102.50	\$416.33
Kenosha	\$100.83	\$24.50	\$108.83	\$446.89
La Crosse	\$92.77	\$22.54	\$101.92	\$413.51
Marathon	\$96.24	\$23.38	\$104.90	\$427.89
Milwaukee Ozaukee Washington Waukesha	\$100.19	\$24.34	\$108.28	\$444.23
Pierce	\$92.68	\$22.52	\$101.84	\$413.12
Racine	\$96.04	\$23.34	\$104.73	\$427.06
Rock	\$90.58	\$22.01	\$100.04	\$404.44
St. Croix (including Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Washington, & Wright Co., MN)	\$101.62	\$24.69	\$109.50	\$450.15
Sheboygan	\$87.69	\$21.31	\$97.57	\$392.49
Rural WI*	\$87.34	\$21.22	\$97.27	\$391.03
Rural MN	\$87.99	\$21.38	\$97.83	\$393.74
Rural MI	\$93.58	\$22.74	\$102.61	\$416.86

* All counties in Wisconsin not otherwise listed.