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Hospice rate adjustments

This Update describes the new Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospice services performed on or after October 1, 1999.

Hospice rate adjustments

As required under federal law, Wisconsin Medicaid has adjusted its rates for four basic hospice services provided on or after October 1, 1999. These rates were issued by the federal Health Care Financing Administration. Wisconsin Medicaid is required to reimburse providers at these rates.

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.

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

Wisconsin Medicaid will adjust claims

Wisconsin Medicaid will adjust any claims for services provided on or after October 1, 1999, that were paid at the previous rates. An announcement will be made on the first page of the Medicaid Remittance and Status Report when the adjustments are made.

Routine and continuous home care service rates are 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 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 reimbursement policies and procedures. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

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 or after October 1, 1999

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	\$97.46	\$23.68	\$106.36	\$433.46
Calumet Outagamie Winnebago	\$95.05	\$23.09	\$104.30	\$423.51
Chippewa	\$93.23	\$22.65	\$102.74	\$415.96
Eau Claire	\$93.23	\$22.65	\$102.74	\$415.96
Dane	\$103.71	\$25.20	\$111.72	\$459.35
Douglas (St. Louis Co., MN)	\$103.30	\$25.10	\$111.37	\$457.66
Kenosha	\$97.26	\$23.63	\$106.19	\$432.64
La Crosse	\$95.69	\$23.25	\$104.85	\$426.16
Marathon	\$101.64	\$24.70	\$109.95	\$450.79
Milwaukee Ozaukee Washington Waukesha	\$98.91	\$24.03	\$107.60	\$439.46
Pierce	\$109.78	\$26.67	\$116.92	\$484.46
Racine	\$97.27	\$23.63	\$106.20	\$432.67
Rock	\$96.69	\$23.49	\$105.71	\$430.30
St. Croix (including Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Washington, & Wright Co., MN)	\$109.78	\$26.67	\$116.92	\$484.46
Sheboygan	\$90.70	\$22.04	\$100.57	\$405.50
Rural WI*	\$94.23	\$22.89	\$103.60	\$420.10
Rural MN	\$93.38	\$22.69	\$102.87	\$416.61
Rural MI	\$95.42	\$23.18	\$104.62	\$425.03

* All counties in Wisconsin not otherwise listed.