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To: Nursing Facility Administrators

From: Marlana R. Hutchinson, Director
        Office of Long Term Services and Supports

Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 Rates for Nursing Facility Services

Note: Please ensure the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Effective July 1, 2020, the rates for nursing facilities will increase by 4 percent on average compared to FY 2020, based on the Program's budget for FY 2021. Rates will also be impacted by modifications due to rebasing. The prospective rates applicable to your facility will be sent directly to you from Myers & Stauffer, LLC (MSLC), the Program's Audit Contractor, via secure e-mail. When you receive your rate letter, please check the provider number at the top of the letter to ensure that you have received the correct data. Please also be sure that these rates are furnished to your accountant or bookkeeper for setting up your accounts. If you do not receive a rate letter or if you have any questions regarding your rate letter, please contact MSLC at (410) 356-9256.

The increase in the nursing facility rates affects the payment for Medicare coinsurance. To reflect this change, we have updated the Medicare Coinsurance Worksheet for service dates on or after July 1, 2020. To access the worksheet, please go to the link at the bottom of this transmittal, click "Document Library" at the bottom of the page, then click "Coinsurance Worksheets" to locate the correct time period.

Finally, the personal needs allowance for FY 2021 has been increased to $83.00 per month per resident.

For more information about Maryland Medicaid's reimbursement methodology and billing instructions, please visit the Nursing Facility Providers page at
https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/longtermcare/Pages/Nursing-Facility-Providers.aspx .

cc: Nursing Facility Liaison Committee