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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**Hospice Transmittal No. 15**  
**November 13, 2018**

**To:** Hospice Providers

**From:** Mark A. Leeds, Director   
 Long Term Services and Supports Administration  
 Office of Health Services

**Re:** Hospice Payment Rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2019

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

Attached are the hospice payment rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019) for Maryland's Medicaid Program. These rates are calculated based on the annual hospice rates established under Medicare and authorized by Section 1814(i)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act. This act provides for an annual increase in payment rates for hospice care services.

A quality reporting program for hospices was established under Section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act. Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i) of the Social Security Act requires that the Secretary shall reduce the market basket update by two percentage points for any hospice provider that does not comply with the quality data submission requirements. Medicaid minimum rates are reduced by the amount of any penalty due to non-reporting. Accordingly, there are two rate tables: Table 1: Full Market Basket Update and Table 2: Reduced Market Basket Update.

The hospice cap runs from October 1st of each year ending September 30th of the following year. The latest hospice cap amount for the year ending September 30, 2019, is \$29,205.44. Information regarding the FFY 2019 hospice wage index and the cap amount may be found on the CMS website at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/hospice/payment/index.html>.

If you have questions concerning Maryland Medicaid hospice rates, please contact Ms. Leslie Jackson, Hospice Program, at (410) 767-1714.

Attachments

cc: Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland

**Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates  
 FFY 2019 Hospice Payment Rates and Wage Index Figures at the Full Market Basket Rate  
 Effective October 1, 2018**

CBSA	Area/Region	Counties	Wage Index	Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654) Per 15 Minute Unit	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	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	0.9506	\$189.83	\$149.17	\$10.04	\$963.90	\$40.17	\$180.32	\$734.10
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.0347	\$201.19	\$158.09	\$10.64	\$1,021.56	\$42.57	\$188.75	\$774.91
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	0.9491	\$189.63	\$149.01	\$10.03	\$962.87	\$40.13	\$180.17	\$733.37
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0920	\$208.92	\$164.17	\$11.05	\$1,060.84	\$44.21	\$194.50	\$802.71
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.8896	\$181.59	\$142.70	\$9.60	\$922.08	\$38.43	\$174.20	\$704.50
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.8393	\$174.80	\$137.36	\$9.24	\$887.60	\$36.99	\$169.15	\$680.09
43524	Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	0.9869	\$194.73	\$153.02	\$10.30	\$988.79	\$41.21	\$183.96	\$751.71
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett	0.8893	\$181.55	\$142.66	\$9.60	\$921.88	\$38.42	\$174.17	\$704.35
15680	California/Lexington Park Area [09]	St. Mary's	0.9200	\$185.70	\$145.92	\$9.82	\$942.92	\$39.29	\$177.25	\$719.25
<b>Wage Component Subject to Index:</b>										
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
				\$135.02	\$106.10	\$7.14	\$685.57	\$28.57	\$100.29	\$485.24
<p>The Medicaid hospice payment rates and wage index figures for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 obtained from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (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 September 30, 2019, is \$29,205.44.</p>										
<b>Non-Wage Component:</b>										
				Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654)	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	Respite In-Patient Care (0655)	General In-Patient Care (0656)
				\$61.48	\$48.31	\$3.25	\$312.20	\$13.01	\$84.98	\$272.83



**Maryland Medical Assistance Hospice Program Rates  
 FFY 2019 Hospice Payment Rates and Wage Index Figures at the Reduced Market Basket Rate  
 Effective October 1, 2018**

CBSA	Area/Region	Counties	Wage Index	Routine Home Care 1st 60 Days (0653)	Routine Home Care Day 61+ (0651)	Service Intensity Add-On (0654) Per 15 Minute Unit	Continuous Home Care (0652) Daily	Continuous Home Care (0652) Hourly	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	0.9506	\$186.10	\$146.24	\$9.84	\$944.96	\$39.37	\$176.69	\$719.68
47894	Washington, DC Area [02]	Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, Washington DC	1.0347	\$197.23	\$154.99	\$10.43	\$1,001.48	\$41.72	\$184.96	\$759.69
41540	Salisbury Area [03]	Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	0.9491	\$185.90	\$0.00	\$9.83	\$943.95	\$39.32	\$176.55	\$718.97
48864	Wilmington Area [04]	Cecil	1.0920	\$204.82	\$160.95	\$10.83	\$1,039.99	\$43.33	\$190.60	\$786.95
25180	Hagerstown Area [05]	Washington	0.8896	\$178.03	\$139.90	\$9.42	\$903.96	\$37.66	\$170.70	\$690.66
19060	Cumberland Area [06]	Allegany	0.8393	\$171.37	\$134.67	\$9.07	\$870.16	\$36.25	\$165.75	\$666.73
43524	Silver Spring-Frederick-Rockville Area [07]	Frederick, Montgomery	0.9869	\$190.91	\$150.02	\$10.10	\$969.36	\$40.38	\$180.26	\$736.95
99921	MD Rural Area [08]	Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Dorchester, Garrett	0.8893	\$177.99	\$139.87	\$9.42	\$903.76	\$37.65	\$170.67	\$690.52
15680	Californial/ Lexington Park Area [09]	St. Mary's	0.9200	\$182.05	\$143.06	\$9.63	\$924.39	\$38.51	\$173.68	\$705.12
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				\$132.36	\$104.01	\$7.00	\$672.09	\$28.00	\$98.32	\$475.71
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				\$60.28	\$47.37	\$3.19	\$306.07	\$12.75	\$83.23	\$267.47