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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Nursing Home Transmittal No. 267

TO: Nursing Home Administrators
Susan J. Tucker

FROM: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

RE: Fiscal Year 2019 Rates for Nursing Facility Services

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

Effective July 1, 2018, Medicaid rates for nursing facility services will increase by 3 percent on average compared to Fiscal Year 2018, based on the Program's budget for Fiscal Year 2019. 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 and Stauffer LC (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 you 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, the Program updated the Medicare Coinsurance Worksheet for service dates on or after July 1, 2018. To access the worksheet, please go to the link at the bottom of this transmittal, click "Document Library" at the bottom of the page and then "Coinsurance Worksheets" to locate the correct time period.

Finally, the personal needs allowance for Fiscal Year 2019 increased to \$80 per month per recipient.

For more information about the 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 Home Liaison Committee