

**PROVIDER BULLETIN                      NO. 08-37**

**DATE:**            October 31, 2008

**TO:**                Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver Assisted Living Providers  
Pat Snyder, Nebraska Assisted Living Association  
Ron Jensen, Nebraska Association of Homes & Services for the Aging  
Interested Parties

**FROM:**            Vivianne M. Chaumont, Director of Medicaid and Long-Term Care 

**RE:**                2009 Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver Assisted Living Rates

Attached please find the 2009 Medicaid rate schedule that will be effective January 1, 2009 for our Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver assisted living program. As a result of legislative direction, both rural and urban provider rates are increasing, along with the rates paid to providers participating in the Nursing Facility Conversion Program. The Medicaid portion of the Waiver assisted living rates will increase by 2%. Refer to the enclosed Rate Chart for additional details.

The Room and Board rate for individuals qualified under the Aged & Disabled Medicaid Waiver has increased to \$614 per month to coincide with the Social Security cost of living increase effective January 1, 2009. The Personal Need Allowance remains at \$60 per month unless notified differently by the resident's Medicaid Eligibility Worker.

Questions on the new rate schedule may be directed to Jackie Rapier, Program Specialist, at (402) 471-1678 or send e-mail with questions to [jackie.rapier@dhhs.ne.gov](mailto:jackie.rapier@dhhs.ne.gov).

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Enclosure

Cc: Area Agencies on Aging Directors  
Center for Independent Living/League of Human Dignity Directors  
Waiver Supervisors and Staff

**AGED & DISABLED MEDICAID WAIVER ASSISTED LIVING RATES  
for Individuals Qualified under the Waiver**

**Effective January 1, 2009**

* Providers are paid for day of discharge	Room & Board Paid By Client	Level 40 <b>RURAL SINGLE OCCUPANCY</b>	Level 41 <b>RURAL MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY</b>	Level 42 <b>URBAN* SINGLE OCCUPANCY</b>	Level 43 <b>URBAN* MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY</b>
Report on Turnaround Document, MC-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total NH days</li> <li>▪ All out of facility days</li> <li>▪ Failure to timely report resident medical absences to Services Coordinator and on MC-4 may result in sanctions</li> </ul>	Multiple Occupancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prior HHS Approval</li> <li>▪ Consent signed</li> </ul>	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CLIENT AND MEDICAID (Minus any Share of Cost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not pro-rated</li> <li>▪ Notice from Medicaid Eligibility Worker</li> </ul>	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CLIENT AND MEDICAID (Minus any Share of Cost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not pro-rated</li> <li>▪ Notice from Medicaid Eligibility Worker</li> </ul>	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CLIENT AND MEDICAID (Minus any Share of Cost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not pro-rated</li> <li>▪ Notice from Medicaid Eligibility Worker</li> </ul>	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM CLIENT AND MEDICAID (Minus any Share of Cost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Not pro-rated</li> <li>▪ Notice from Medicaid Eligibility Worker</li> </ul>
<b>ON-GOING MONTHLY RATES</b>					
STANDARD (Std.)	<b>\$614.00</b>	<b>\$2155.00</b>	<b>\$1736.00</b>	<b>\$2432.00</b>	<b>\$1956.00</b>
TRUST FUND (TF)	<b>\$614.00</b>	<b>\$2047.00</b>	<b>\$1649.00</b>	<b>\$2310.00</b>	<b>\$1858.00</b>
<b>ADMISSION &amp; DISCHARGE MONTHS</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Daily STANDARD rate for all days client is physically present</li> </ul>	<b>\$614.00</b> Pro-rated	<b>\$50.66</b>	<b>\$36.89</b>	<b>\$59.77</b>	<b>\$44.12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Daily TRUST FUND rate for all days client is physically present</li> </ul>	<b>\$614.00</b> Pro-rated	<b>\$47.11</b>	<b>\$34.03</b>	<b>\$55.76</b>	<b>\$40.90</b>

\*Urban Counties - Cass, Dakota, Dixon, Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward and Washington Counties

The facility must notify the Services Coordinator by the next working day of a medical absence in which a client is admitted to a hospital or nursing facility. This notice is required in order for the Services Coordinator and Central Office to determine continued appropriateness of the assisted living authorization. Failure to report medical absences to the Services Coordinator may result in the facility being required to reimburse the Department for days the client was out of the facility for medical reasons.