

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Out-Of-State Hospital Providers

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RE: Outpatient Hospital Reimbursement

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify out-of-state hospital providers of the correction to the outpatient hospital payment rate. Effective July 1, 2008, the outpatient hospital cost-to-charge ratio was incorrectly calculated as 51%. The correct percentage has been determined to be 42%. Effective April 1, 2009 the corrected percentage will be used to process payment for all out-of-state outpatient hospital claims.

Pursuant to Title 471 Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) 10-010.06G, payment to an out-of-state hospital for outpatient services is based on the statewide average ratio of cost to charges times 82.45% for all Nebraska hospitals for that fiscal year as of July 1 of that year. Exception: All outpatient clinical laboratory services must be itemized and identified with the appropriate HCPCS procedure codes. The Department pays for clinical laboratory services on the fee schedule determined by CMS.

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