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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Nursing Facility Service Providers

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RE: Reduction in Payment of Nursing Facility Leave (With Bedhold) Days

Please share this information with your administrative and billing staff.

The reduction in Medicaid reimbursement for nursing facility therapeutic or hospital leave days (with bedhold) was implemented incorrectly by Medicaid staff.

Prior to July 1, 2011, Medicaid reimbursement for nursing facility leave days (with bedhold) was at a per diem rate based on the individual facility's costs and weighted by the acuity of the resident.

Beginning July 1, 2011, Medicaid incorrectly reduced the reimbursement for nursing facility leave days (with bedhold) to a facility-specific Level 180 default rate.

The correct Medicaid reimbursement rate for nursing facility leave days (with bedhold) should be the applicable rate in effect for assisted living services under the Home and Community-Based Waiver Services for Aged Persons or Adults or Children with Disabilities (see 480 NAC 5).

This change will be implemented on the effective date of the regulations which have been proposed but are not yet final. A Provider Bulletin will be sent with the implementation date after the regulations have been officially adopted.

As this change was incorrectly implemented beginning July 1, 2011, some nursing facility providers may have received less or more than the correct reimbursement for these leave days.

Once the regulations are implemented and the nursing facility leave rates are corrected, Medicaid will make the appropriate adjustment to each provider's reimbursement by paying an additional amount to the provider or requesting a refund for the overpayment.

We apologize for any inconvenience and plan to implement the corrective measure as soon as possible. For questions regarding this information, contact Cindy Kadavy at (402) 471-4684 or cindy.kadavy@nebraska.gov