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TO: Hospice Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: FFY 2016 Medicaid Hospice Rates

Please share this information with professional, clinical, administrative, and billing staff

This bulletin is intended to update providers on the new Nebraska Medicaid hospice rates, effective October 1, 2015.

Hospice Payment Rates

The Medicaid hospice payment rates are adjusted annually based on the hospice rates established by section 1814(i)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act. The new rates are effective for care and services furnished on or after October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, for procedure codes T2042, T2043, T2044, and T2045.

Nebraska Medicaid Allowable Rates

The Medicaid allowable rates are based on the federal hospice wage index weights, effective October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, which reflect local differences in wages and are based on the core-based statistical areas (CBSA) code associated with each geographic area. The CBSA codes and the hospice wage index weights may be found on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website at: <https://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Hospice-Center.html>

To view rates go to: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Documents/471-000-536-10-15.pdf>

Questions

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