


To: All Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
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Re: Provider Relief Funds for Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities

Update (11/20/20): *Nebraska Medicaid is updating this Provider Bulletin to provide clarification that this temporary per diem increase will also apply to the Nursing Facility per diem rate paid for Hospice Services furnished by Hospice providers in Nursing Facilities.*

This bulletin is being issued to notify Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities that participate in Nebraska's Medicaid program of a temporary increase in Per Diem rates. For dates of service between May 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, Nebraska Medicaid is seeking federal approval from CMS to increase Per Diem rates by \$20 per day. The Department is utilizing the federal authority allowed in the Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA) as well as an Appendix K: Emergency Preparedness and Response to the 1915(c) waiver to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic across the State.

Nebraska Medicaid will re-adjudicate all paid claims and will not require providers to re-submit claims. The department anticipates the temporary rate increases to be operationalized in the month of November for new claims and previously paid claims subject to re-adjudication.

Nebraska Medicaid will provide updates to this provider bulletin as more information is available.

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