

To: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Kevin Bagley, Director *KB*
Date: September 30, 2021
Re: Fiscal Year 2022 Medicaid Hospice Rates

This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Medicaid providers of changes to Nebraska Medicaid hospice rates, effective October 1, 2021.

New Hospice Payment Rates

The new Medicaid hospice payment rates are effective for care and services furnished on or after October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, for procedure codes T2042, T2043, T2044, and T2045. These rates are adjusted annually based on the hospice rates established by the Social Security Act.

To view the new rates, go to: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

Nebraska Medicaid Allowable Rates

The Medicaid allowable rates are based on the federal hospice wage index weights, effective October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. These rates 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 can be found on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website at: <http://www.cms.gov/Center/Provider-Type/Hospice-Center.html>.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Stephanie Ourada MacKenzie at (402) 471-6781, or via email at Stephanie.OuradaMacKenzie@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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