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Hospice Rates for Federal Fiscal Year 2017

Louisiana Medicaid has updated its published fee schedule to reflect the adjusted reimbursement rates and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) codes for hospice services as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on an annual basis. The updated rates and MSA codes are effective for dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2016.

It is the expectation of the Louisiana Department of Health that the Healthy Louisiana plans will update their systems to accommodate the adjusted rates and MSA codes. Any previously paid claims at incorrect rates for dates of service on or after Oct. 1, 2016 are eligible for a reimbursement adjustment. All plans shall have completed their system updates to accommodate the rates and MSA code changes along with publishing of written instructions to the providers on how to submit claims for adjustment no later than 60 days from the date of this advisory.