

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - IN-PATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

1. Small rural hospitals are paid under a separate prospective reimbursement methodology and shall be excluded from this rate increase. Their reimbursement methodology includes provisions for inflationary adjustments and rate rebases. Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center as a public private partner is reimbursed at 95 percent of cost and shall be excluded from this rate increase.
2. Carve-out specialty units, nursery boarder, and well-baby services are included in these rate increases.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the inpatient per diem rate paid to acute care hospitals, including long-term acute hospitals shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2020.

1. Small rural hospitals and public-private partnership hospitals shall be exempt from this rate increase.
2. Carve-out specialty units, nursery boarder, and well-baby services are included in these rate increases.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the inpatient per diem rate paid to long term hospitals shall be increased by indexing to 42 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2017. Long term hospitals whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2017, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 42 percent of the January 1, 2017 small rural hospital rate shall not be increased.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, the inpatient per diem rate paid to long-term acute hospitals shall be increased by indexing to 45 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2019. Long-term hospitals whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2019, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 45 percent of the January 1, 2019 small rural hospital rate, shall not be increased.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state free-standing rehabilitation hospitals shall be indexed to 36 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2017. Rehabilitation hospitals whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2017, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 36 percent of the January 1, 2017 small rural hospital rate shall not be increased.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state free-standing rehabilitation hospitals shall be indexed to 37 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2019. Rehabilitation hospitals whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2019, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 37 percent of the January 1, 2019 small rural hospital rate, shall not be increased.

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NICU Rate Adjustment

Effective for dates of service on or after March 1, 2011, the per diem rates for Medicaid inpatient services rendered by NICU Level III and NICU Level III regional units, recognized by the Department as such on December 31, 2010, shall be adjusted to include an increase that varies based on the following five tiers:

Tier 1. The qualifying hospital's average percentage exceeds 10 percent, the additional per diem increase shall be \$601.98;

Tier 2. The qualifying hospital's average percentage is less than or equal to 10 percent, but exceeds 5 percent, the additional per diem increase shall be \$624.66;

Tier 3. The qualifying hospital's average percentage is less than or equal to 5 percent, but exceeds 1.5 percent, the additional per diem increase shall be \$419.83;

Tier 4. The qualifying hospital's average percentage is less than or equal to 1.5 percent, but greater than 0 percent, and the hospital received greater than .25 percent of the outlier payments for dates of service in state fiscal year (SFY) 2008 and SFY 2009 and calendar year 2010, the additional per diem increase shall be \$263.33; or

Tier 5. The qualifying hospital received less than 25 percent, but greater than 0 percent of the outlier payments for dates of service in SFY 2008 and SFY 2009 and calendar year 2010, the additional per diem increase shall be \$35.

Tier Placement Criteria

Placement into a tier will be determined by the average of a hospital's percentage of paid NICU Medicaid days for SFY 2010 dates of service to the total of all qualifying hospitals' paid NICU days for the same time period, and its percentage of NICU patient outlier payments made as of December 31, 2010 for dates of service in SFY 2008 and SFY 2009 and calendar year 2010 to the total NICU outlier payments made to all qualifying hospitals for these same time periods.

1. This average shall be weighted to provide that each hospital's percentage of paid NICU days will comprise 25 percent of this average, while the percentage of outlier payments will comprise 75 percent.
2. In order to qualify for Tiers 1 through 4, a hospital must have received at least .25 percent of outlier payments in SFY 2008, SFY 2009, and calendar year 2010.

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3. SFY 2010 is used as the base period to determine the allocation of NICU and PICU outlier payments for hospitals having both NICU and PICU units.
4. If the daily paid outlier amount per paid NICU day for any hospital is greater than the mean plus one standard deviation of the same calculation for all NICU Level III and NICU Level III regional hospitals, then the basis for calculating the hospital's percentage of NICU patient outlier payments shall be to substitute a payment amount equal to the highest daily paid outlier amount of any hospital not exceeding this limit, multiplied by the exceeding hospital's paid NICU days for SFY 2010, to take the place of the hospital's actual paid outlier amount.

The Department shall evaluate all rates and tiers two years after implementation.

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(2) Carve-Out Specialty Services

Carve-out specialty services are rendered by neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units, burn units and include transplants.

Neonatal Intensive Care Units, Pediatric Intensive Care Units, and Burn Units

For dates of service on or after October 4, 2014, payment for neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units, and burn units shall be made per prospective per diem rates that are 84.5 percent of the cost per day for each service as calculated per the “as filed” fiscal year end cost report ending during SFY 2014. The “as filed” cost report will be reviewed by the department for accuracy prior to determination of the final per diem rate.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, the inpatient per diem rates paid to neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units and burn units’ services shall be increased by 7.03 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2016.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, the inpatient per diem rates paid to children’s specialty hospitals for neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units and burn units services shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2019.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the inpatient per diem rates paid to children’s specialty hospitals for neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units and burn units’ services shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2020.

Transplants

Payment shall be the lesser of costs or the per diem limitation for each type of transplant. The base period per diem limitation amounts shall be calculated using the allowable inpatient cost per day for each type of transplant per the cost reporting period which ended in SFY 2009. The target rate shall be inflated using the update factors published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) beginning with the cost reporting periods starting on or after January 1, 2010.

For dates of service on or after September 1, 2009, payment shall be the lesser of the allowable inpatient costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid days for the period for each type of transplant multiplied times the per diem limitation for the period.

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CITATION Medical and Remedial Care and Services
42 CFR Item 1
447.253
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P.L. 101-508
Sections
4702-4703

F. Distinct Part Psychiatric Units

1. Effective for services on or after January 1, 1989, psychiatric units within an acute care general hospital which meet the criteria for exemption from Medicare’s Prospective Payment System (PPS) shall have admissions to this unit carved out and handled separately as a sub-provider. A separate provider number shall be assigned to differentiate admissions to these units and their related costs from other hospital admissions and costs. Separate costs centers must be established as costs related to Distinct Part Psychiatric Unit admissions shall not be allowed in the cost settlement process applicable to other admissions. Rather, reimbursement for inpatient services provided in these units shall be a prospective statewide per diem rate.
2. Effective for dates of service October 21, 2003 the reimbursement is increased for inpatient psychiatric hospital services provided in a state owned or operated free-standing psychiatric hospital or distinct part psychiatric unit to a per diem rate based on the 50th percentile facility for costs as reported on the cost report for the year ending between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002. The costs utilized to determine the 50th percentile facility will include all free-standing psychiatric hospitals and distinct part psychiatric units providing services to Medicaid recipients in the state. Costs will be trended to the midpoint of the rate year using the Medicare PPS Market Basket Index.
3. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, the prospective per diem rate paid to state owned free-standing psychiatric hospitals, and distinct part psychiatric units within state owned acute care hospitals, shall be increased by indexing to 32 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2019. Psychiatric hospitals and units whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2019, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 32 percent of the January 1, 2019 small rural hospital rate, shall not be increased.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the prospective per diem rate paid to state owned free-standing psychiatric hospitals, and distinct part psychiatric units within state owned acute care hospitals, shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2020.

4. Effective March 1, 1994, a unit in a PPS exempt hospital which meets PPS exempt psychiatric unit criteria as specified II.B.2. shall also be considered a Distinct Part Psychiatric Unit included in the methodology described above.

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5. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2004, the reimbursement is increased for inpatient psychiatric hospital services provided in private and public non-state owned and operated distinct part psychiatric units based on the weighted average for costs reported on the cost report ending in SFY 2002. The costs utilized to determine the weighted average shall include all free-standing psychiatric hospitals and distinct part psychiatric units providing services to Medicaid recipients in the state. Costs shall be trended to the midpoint of the rate year using the Medicare PPS Market Basket Index.
6. Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, the inpatient psychiatric per diem rates paid to private hospitals are increased by 3.85% percent of the rates in effect on July 31, 2006.
7. For dates of service on or after September 1, 2007, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural private (non-state) distinct part psychiatric units shall be increased by 4.75 percent of the rate on file for August 31, 2007.
8. Effective for date of service on or after July 1, 2008, distinct part psychiatric services provided in small rural hospitals as defined in D.3.b shall be reimbursed at a prospective per diem rate. The per diem rate shall be the median cost plus ten percent which shall be calculated based on each hospital's year-end cost report period ending in calendar year 2006. If the cost reporting period is not a full period (twelve months), the latest filed full period cost report shall be used. The Medicaid cost per inpatient psychiatric day for each small rural hospital shall be inflated from their applicable cost reporting period to the mid pint of the implementation year (December 31, 2008) by the Medicare market basket inflation factor for PPS hospitals, then arrayed from high too low to determine the median inpatient acute cost per day for all small rural hospitals. The payment rate for inpatient psychiatric services in small rural hospitals shall be the median cost amount plus ten percent. The median cost and rates shall be rebased at least every other year using the latest filed full period cost reports as filed in accordance with Medicare timely filing guidelines.
9. Effective for dates of service on or after February 20, 2009, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units shall be reduced by 3.5 percent of the rate on file as of February 19, 2009. Distinct part psychiatric units that operate within an acute care hospital that qualifies as a high Medicaid hospital, as defined below, are exempt from the rate reduction.
 - a. High Medicaid hospitals as defined in Louisiana R.S. 46.979. For the purposes of qualifying for the exemption to the reimbursement reduction as a High Medicaid hospital, the following conditions must be met.
 - (1) The inpatient Medicaid days utilization rate for high Medicaid hospitals shall be calculated based on the cost report filed for the period ending in state fiscal year 2007 and received by the Department prior to April 20, 2008.

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- (2) Only Medicaid covered days for inpatient hospital services, which include newborn and distinct part psychiatric unit days, are included in this calculation
 - (3) Inpatient stays covered by Medicare Part A cannot be included in the determination of the Medicaid inpatient utilization days rate.
10. Effective for dates of service on or after August 4, 2009, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units shall be reduced by 6.3 percent of the rate on file as of August 3, 2009.
11. In-state Children's Specialty Hospitals
 - a. In order to qualify to receive Medicaid reimbursement as an in-state children's specialty hospital, a non-rural, non-state acute care hospital must meet the following criteria. The hospital must:
 - (1) be recognized by Medicare as a prospective payment system (PPS) exempt children's specialty hospital;
 - (2) not qualify for Medicare disproportionate share hospital payments; and
 - (3) have a Louisiana Medicaid inpatient days utilization rate greater than the mean plus two standard deviations of the Medicaid utilization rates for all hospitals in the state receiving Medicaid payments.
 - b. For dates of service on or after October 4, 2014, payment shall be prospective per diem rate that is 100 percent of the distinct part psychiatric cost per day as calculated per the "as filed" fiscal year end cost report ending during SFY 2014. The "as filed" cost report will be reviewed by the department for accuracy prior to determination of the final per diem rate.

Costs and per discharge/per diem limitation comparisons shall be calculated and applied separately for acute, psychiatric and each specialty service.——
 - c. Children's specialty hospitals shall be eligible for outlier payments for dates of service on or after October 4, 2014.
 - d. Qualifying and receiving reimbursement as a children's specialty hospital shall not preclude these hospitals from participation in the Medicaid Program under the high Medicaid or graduate medical education supplemental payments provisions.
 - e. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, the prospective per diem rate paid to distinct part psychiatric units within children's specialty hospitals shall be increased by indexing to 32 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2019.

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- f. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the inpatient per diem rates paid to distinct part psychiatric units within children's specialty hospitals shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2020.
12. Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2009, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units shall be increased by 3 percent of the rate on file.
 13. Effective for dates of service on or after February 3, 2010, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units shall be reduced by 5 percent of the rate on file as of February 2, 2010.
 14. Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2010, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units shall be reduced by 4.6 percent of the rate on file as of July 31, 2010.
 15. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units shall be reduced by 2 percent of the rate on file as of December 31, 2010.
 16. Effective for dates of service on or after February 10, 2012, a Medicaid enrolled non-state acute care hospital that enters into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with the Department of Health, Office of Behavioral Health to provide inpatient psychiatric hospital services to Medicaid and uninsured patients, and which also assumes operation and management of a state owned and formerly state operated hospital distinct part psychiatric unit, shall be paid a per diem rate of \$581.11 per day.
 17. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units within non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals shall be increased by 2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2016. Inpatient hospital psychiatric services provided under a section 15 of this part and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center shall be exempt from this rate increase.
 18. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units within non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals, shall be increased by indexing to 31 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2017. Psychiatric hospitals and units whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2017, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 31 percent of the January 1, 2017 small rural hospital shall not be increased. Inpatient hospital psychiatric service provided under a public-private partnership shall be exempt from this rate increase.

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19. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state distinct part psychiatric units within non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals, shall be increased by indexing to 32 percent of the small rural hospital prospective per diem rate in effect on January 1, 2019.

Psychiatric hospitals and units whose per diem rates as of January 1, 2019, excluding the graduate medical education portion of the per diem, are greater than 32 percent of the January 1, 2019 small rural hospital rate shall not be increased. Inpatient hospital psychiatric services provided under a public-private partnership by Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center are reimbursed at 95 percent of allowable costs and shall be exempt from this rate increase.

20. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the inpatient per diem rate paid to non-rural, non-state free-standing psychiatric hospitals, and distinct part psychiatric units within non-rural, non-state acute care hospitals shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate on file as of December 31, 2020. Inpatient hospital psychiatric services provided under a public-private partnership shall be exempt from this rate increase.

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G. Transplant Services

Routine operating costs and ancillary charges associated with an approved transplant are carved out of the hospital's cost report. Reimbursement is limited to the lesser of cost or the hospital-specific per diem limitation for each type of transplant. Cost is defined as the hospital-specific ratio of cost to charges from the base period multiplied by the covered charges for the specific transplant type.

Per diem limitation is calculated by deriving the hospital's per diem for the transplant type from the hospital's base period trended forward using the Medicare target rate percentage for PPS-exempt hospitals each year.

The base period is the cost reporting period for the hospital fiscal year ending September 30, 1983 through August 31, 1984 or the first cost report filed subsequently that contains costs for that type of transplant.

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- n. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, the prospective per diem rate paid to non-rural, free-standing psychiatric hospitals shall be increased by 3.2 percent of the per diem rate as of December 31, 2020. Inpatient hospital psychiatric services provided under a public-private partnership shall be exempt from this rate increase. This rate increase applies to all other non-rural freestanding psychiatric hospitals, including state owned.
2. Provisions for Disproportionate Share Payments
- a. Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 1988, hospitals qualifying as disproportionate share providers shall have payment adjustment factors applied in accordance with the guidelines outlined in Attachment 4.19-A, Item 1, Section D.
- b. Disproportionate share payments cumulative for all DSH payments under the pools or any other DSH payment methodology shall not exceed the federal disproportionate share state allotment for each federal fiscal year established under Public Law 102-234.
3. Supplemental Payments for Non-Rural, Non-State Hospitals
- Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2009, Medicaid Supplemental payments will be made to qualifying non-rural non-state public and private hospitals for dates of service from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 as follows:
- a. Other Hospitals impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
- Maximum aggregate payments to all qualifying hospitals in this group (which includes inpatient hospital supplemental payments described in Attachment 4.19-A, Item 1, Section I.B.9.b.2) will not exceed \$10 million.
- 1) Qualifying criteria – Non-state freestanding psychiatric hospital which is located in either the New Orleans or Lake Charles metropolitan statistical area (MSA), and had at least 1,000 paid Medicaid days for SFY 2008 dates of service and is currently operational.

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