

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

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Hospice Care

Method of Payment

Hospice care is reimbursed utilizing the principles of reimbursement as detailed in the State Medicaid Manual, Chapter 4, Sections 4306 and 4307 as amended by Public Law 105-33, "Balanced Budget Act of 1997".

Payment Rates

The Louisiana Medicaid Hospice Program pays Medicaid hospice rates that are calculated by using the Medicare hospice methodology but adjusted to disregard cost offsets allowed for Medicare deductible/coinsurance amounts. For routine home care, continuous home care, and inpatient respite care, only one rate is applicable for each day. For continuous home care, the amount of payment is determined based on the number of hours of continuous care furnished to the recipient on that day.

Payment rates are adjusted for regional differences in wages. The Bureau will compute the adjusted rate based on the geographic location at which the service was furnished to allow for the differences in area wage levels, using the same method used under Part A of Title XVIII. These adjusted rates are published on the agency's website at www.lamedicaid.com.

The hospice will be paid an additional amount on routine home care and continuous home care days to take into account the room and board furnished by the facility for Medicaid recipients residing in a nursing facility or intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID). Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2009, the room and board rate reimbursed to hospice providers shall be 95 percent of the per diem rate that would have been paid to the facility for the recipient if he/she had not elected to receive hospice services.

The hospice is paid for other physicians' services, such as direct patient care services, furnished to individual patients by hospice employees and for physician services furnished under arrangements made by the hospice unless the patient care services were furnished on a volunteer basis. The physician visit

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for the face-to-face encounter will not be reimbursed by the Medicaid Program.

The number of inpatient days (both for general inpatient care and inpatient respite care) for any one hospice recipient may not exceed five days in any one election period. Additional days may be allowed for inpatient services through appeal.

Governmental and non-governmental providers are paid the same rates.

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