

Home Health Services

Payment is made at 80 percent of billed charges.

Hospice Care Services

Payment is set and adjusted according to the yearly releases from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Alaska's Medicaid program makes adjustments to the rates by the start of the CY (January 1<sup>st</sup>) immediately after the release of the updated rates by CMS, and these rates are retroactive to the effective date of the CMS material released (usually, October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year).

Laboratory Services

Payment for laboratory services provided by independent laboratories, physicians in private practice, and hospital laboratories acting as independent laboratories is made at the lesser of billed charges or the Medicare fee schedule. The State Medicaid program recognizes the Medicare fee schedule in place as of June 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual update of these rates that occurs at the beginning of the next SFY (on July 1<sup>st</sup>). Unlisted procedures are paid at 80 percent of the amount billed to the general public.

Mammograms

Payment is made at the lesser of billed charges or the Resource Based Relative Value Scale methodology used for physicians.

Medical Supplies and Prosthetic Devices

Payment for durable medical equipment and supplies and prosthetic devices is made at lesser of amount billed the general public or the state maximum allowable. Payment for unusual or custom equipment is authorized on a case-by-case basis and may not exceed the authorized amount.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state developed rates are the same for both public and private providers of medical supplies and prosthetic devices. The agency's rates for medical supplies and prosthetic devices were updated on 03/05/2010 and are effective for services rendered on or after 01/01/2010. The fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule and its effective dates are published at <http://medicaidalaska.com/providers/FeeSchedule.asp>.

Personal Care Services

Services are reimbursed at the lesser of the amount billed the general public or the state maximum allowable.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, payment for these services is based on state-developed fee schedule rates, which are the same for both governmental and private providers of personal care services. The agency's rates for personal care services were updated on 03/01/2011 and are effective for services rendered on or after that date. The fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule and its effective dates are included in the fee schedule for personal care services published at <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dsds/grantservices/hcbproviderresources.htm>

Physical and Occupational Therapy Services

Payment is made at the lesser of billed charges, 85 percent of the Resource Based Relative Value Scale methodology used for physicians, the provider's lowest charge, or the maximum allowable for procedures that do not have an established RVU.