

Methods and Standards for Establishing Payment Rates for Nursing Facility Services

7. Reserve for future use.
8. Exceptions to the Rate-Setting Process

Exceptions to the rate-setting process are made under the following circumstances:

- a. Ventilator Incentive

A special rate to care for ventilator-dependent patients is paid to a facility if the patient meets the requirements for skilled and ventilator care. The reimbursement rate is equal to the sum of the Medicare-certified hospital-based nursing facility direct care rate component limit plus the Medicare-certified hospital-based nursing facility non-direct care rate component limit.

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B. Nursing Facilities That Provide Intermediate Care, Including Intermediate Care for Persons with Mental Illness Age 65 and Older (Cont.)

2. Accounting Procedures (Cont.)

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OS Notification

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Fiscal Impact: FFY 10 \$-0- FFY 11 \$-0-

Number of Services Provided by Enhanced Coverage, Benefits or Retained Enrollment: 0

Number of Potential Newly Eligible People: 0

or

Eligibility Simplification: No

Provider Payment Increase: No or **Decrease:** No

Delivery System Innovation: No

Number of People Losing Medicaid Eligibility: 0

Reduces Benefits: No

Detail:

Effective September 1, 2010, this amendment removes from Attachment 4.19-D of the Iowa Medicaid State plan the final settlement process for non-state government-owned or operated nursing facilities which limited reimbursement to no more than cost. The cost limitation was a requirement of the IowaCare 1115 demonstration waiver which expired August 31, 2010. Under the previous reimbursement methodology, these facilities received the regular per diem payments that all NFs received under the State plan, but were subject to a final settlement. This amendment simply removes the settlement process. The facilities will continue to receive the regular per diem payments. The State has responded satisfactorily to the standard funding questions. Tribal consultation was not necessary as the proposed revisions do not negatively impact access to care for AI/AN's.

Other Considerations:

This plan amendment has not generated significant outside interest and we do not recommend the Secretary contact the governor. This OSN has been reviewed in the context of the ARRA and approval of the OSN is not in violation of ARRA provisions.

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