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Marylou Sudders, Secretary
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RE: Massachusetts 19-0006


Dear Secretary Sudders:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 19-0006. Effective January 1, 2019, this amendment revises the reimbursement methodology for nursing facility services. The changes include: (1) two Quality Achievement and Improvement add-on rates for qualified providers with a total pool amount of \$10.18M; (2) a PASRR Level II add-on per diem rate of \$5.38 for each eligible MassHealth Member; and 3) eliminates the Large Medicaid Provider add-on effective January 25, 2019. This amendment also include new language in the capital section of the referenced state regulations to clarify current policies on the minimum expenditures required to file a revised capital request.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 19-0006 is approved effective January 1, 2019. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Novena James-Hailey at (617) 565-1291.

Sincerely,



Kristin Fan
Director

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I. General Description of Payment Methodology

- A. Overview.** Nursing facility payments for services provided to MassHealth members are governed by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) regulation, 101 CMR 206.00: Standard Payments to Nursing Facilities as of January 25, 2019. This attachment describes the methods and standards used to establish payment rates for nursing facilities effective January 1, 2019.
- B. Chief Components.** The payment method describes standard payments for nursing facility services. Standard payments are derived from reported median base-year costs for Nursing and Other Operating Costs as well as a capital payment component. Nursing and Other Operating Standard Payment rates were calculated using Calendar Year (CY) 2007 costs. The allowable basis for capital was updated using CY 2007 data.

II. Cost Reporting Requirements and Cost Finding

- A. Required Reports.** Except as provided below, each provider of long-term care facility services under the State Plan must complete an annual Cost Report.
1. For each cost reporting year, the Cost Report must contain detailed cost information based on generally accepted accounting principles and the accrual method of accounting that meets the requirements of 101 CMR 206.08 as of January 25, 2019.
 2. There are five types of cost reports: a) Nursing Facility Cost Report; b) Realty Company Cost Report (if the facility is leased from another entity); c) Management Company Cost Report (if the facility reports management expenses paid to another entity); d) Financial Statements, and e) Clinical Data.
 3. A facility that closes prior to November 1 is not required to submit a cost report for the following calendar year.
 4. There are special cost reporting requirements outlined in 101 CMR 206.08(2)(g) as of January 25, 2019 for hospital-based nursing facilities, state-operated nursing facilities, and facilities that operate other programs such as Adult Day Health, Assisted Living or Outpatient Services.
 5. A facility may be subject to penalties in accordance with 101 CMR 206.08(7) as of January 25, 2019 if a facility does not file the required cost reports by the due date.
- B. General Cost Principles.** In order to report a cost as related to MassHealth patient care, a cost must satisfy the following criteria:
1. the cost is ordinary, necessary, and directly related to the care of publicly aided patients;

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2. the cost is for goods or services actually provided in the nursing facility;
3. the cost must be reasonable; and
4. the provider must actually pay the cost.

Costs that are not considered related to the care of MassHealth patients include, but are not limited to: costs that are discharged in bankruptcy; costs that are forgiven; costs that are converted to a promissory note; and accruals of self-insured costs that are based on actuarial estimates.

A provider may not report any of the costs that are listed in 101 CMR 206.08(3)(h) as of January 25, 2019 as related to MassHealth patient care.

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III. Methods and Standards Used to Determine Payment Rates

- A. Prospective Per Diem Rates.** The prospective per diem payment rates for nursing facilities are derived from the Nursing, Other Operating, and Capital payment components. Each of these components is described in detail in the following sections.
- B. Nursing Cost.** The following Nursing Standard Payments (per diem) comprise the Nursing Cost component of the prospective per diem payment rates for nursing facilities.

Payment Group	Management Minute Range	Nursing Standard Payment
H	0 – 30	\$14.58
JK	30.1 – 110	\$39.91
LM	110.1 – 170	\$69.01
NP	170.1 – 225	\$97.23
RS	225.1 – 270	\$118.75
T	270.1 & above	\$147.65

The base year used to develop the Nursing Standard Payments is 2007. Nursing costs reported in CY 2007 in the following categories are included in the calculation: Director of Nurses, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Nursing Aides, Nursing Assistants, Orderlies, Nursing Purchased Services, Director of Nurses and Nursing Workers' Compensation, Payroll Tax, and Fringe Benefits, including Pension Expense. The Nursing Standard Payments are derived from the product of the industry CY 2007 median nursing costs times the CY 2007 industry median management minutes for each of six payment groups listed in 101 CMR 206.04(1) as of January 25, 2019. The base year amounts for each group are updated to rate year 2008 by a cost adjustment factor of 3.79%. This cost adjustment factor is based on Massachusetts-specific consumer price index (CPI) forecasts as well as national and regional indices supplied by Global Insight, Inc.

- C. Other Operating Cost.** The Other Operating Cost Standard Payment (per diem) comprises the other operating component of the prospective per diem payment rates for nursing facilities. The Other Operating Standard Payment, effective January 1, 2019, is \$76.96.

The base year used to develop the Other Operating Standard Payment of \$76.96 is CY 2007. Other operating costs reported in CY 2007 in the following categories are included in the calculation: variable, administrative and general, and motor vehicle costs. The Other

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Operating Standard Payment is set equal to the CY 2007 industry median of these cost amounts, except for administrative and general costs, which are subject to a ceiling of \$18.45 before combining with other cost components. The calculation of the Other Operating Standard Payment is reduced by 2.95% to exclude non-allowable reported costs. The allowable base-year amount is updated to rate year 2008 by a CAF of 3.79%. This cost adjustment factor is based on Massachusetts-specific CPI forecasts as well as national and regional indices supplied by Global Insight, Inc.

D. Capital. The Capital component is computed in accordance with 101 CMR 206.05 as of January 25, 2019.

1. Capital Payments. Capital payments for all facilities except for those identified in D.2 below, shall be based on the facility's allowable capital costs, including allowable depreciation, financing contribution and other fixed costs.

(a) If a facility's capital payment effective September 30, 2014 is less than \$17.29, its capital payment will be the greater of its September 30, 2014 capital payment or the payment determined as follows:

2007 Base Year Capital Cost Per Day (101 CMR 206.05 (1))	Capital Payment
\$ 0.00 - \$4.00	\$4.45
\$ 4.01 - \$ 6.00	\$6.18
\$ 6.01 - \$ 8.00	\$8.15
\$ 8.01 - \$10.00	\$10.13
\$10.01 - \$12.00	\$12.11
\$12.01 - \$14.00	\$14.08
\$14.01 - \$16.00	\$16.06
\$16.01 - \$17.29	\$17.29
\$17.30 - \$18.24	\$18.24
\$18.25 - \$20.25	\$20.25
\$20.26 to \$22.56	\$22.56
\$22.57 to \$25.82	\$25.82
>\$25.83	\$27.30

(b) If a facility's revised capital payment effective September 30, 2014 is greater than or equal to \$17.29, the facility's revised capital payment will equal its September 30, 2014 capital payment.

(c) If a provider re-licensed beds during the rate period that were out of service, its capital payment will be the lower of (1) the capital payment rate established under D.1.(a) or (2) the facility's most recent capital payment rates.

(d) If a provider's capital payment is based on a Determination of Need (DON) approved prior to March 7, 1996 and the provider receives a temporary capital

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payment in accordance with 101 CMR 206.05(4)(b)(3), the provider's capital payment will be revised in accordance with 101 CMR 206.05(4)(b)(4) as of January 25, 2019.

2. **Capital Payments Exceptions.** The capital payment for new facilities constructed pursuant to a DON approved after March 7, 1996; replacement facilities that open pursuant to a DON approved after March 7, 1996; new facilities in urban under bedded areas that are exempt from the DON process; new beds that are licensed pursuant to a DON approved after March 7, 1996; new beds in twelve-bed expansion projects not associated with an approved DON project; beds acquired from another facility that are not subject to a DON, to the extent that the additional beds increase the facility's licensed bed capacity; and private nursing facilities that sign their first provider agreement on or after October 1, 2008 shall be as follows:

Date that New Facilities & Licensed Beds became Operational	Payment Amount
02/01/1998 - 12/31/2000	\$ 17.29
01/01/2001 - 06/30/2002	\$ 18.24
07/01/2002 - 12/31/2002	\$ 20.25
01/01/2003 - 08/31/2004	\$ 20.25
09/01/2004 - 06/30/2006	\$ 22.56
07/01/2006 - 07/31/2007	\$ 25.82
08/01/2007 - 07/31/2008	\$ 27.30
08/01/2008 - 09/30/2016	\$ 28.06
10/01/2016- forward	\$37.60

3. **Notification of Substantial Capital Expenditures.** Any nursing facility that opens, adds new beds, adds substantial renovations, or re-opens beds after September 1, 2004, is required to notify EOHHS in accordance with 101 CMR 206.05(4)(a) as of January 25, 2019. At that time, the Capital component may be recomputed in accordance with 101 CMR 206.05(4)(b) as of January 25, 2019.

- E. **Retroactive Adjustments.** EOHHS will retroactively adjust the Capital Payment component of the rates if it learns that there was a material error in the rate calculation or if a nursing facility made a material error in its cost report. A material error is any error that would result in a change to a provider's rate.

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IV. Special Conditions

- A. Innovative and Special Programs.** The MassHealth program may contract for special and/or innovative programs to meet special needs of certain patients, which are not ordinarily met by existing services in nursing facilities or which can only be met by existing services in nursing facilities at substantially higher cost. Currently, these programs include programs for patients with traumatic brain injury, mental illness and medical illness (MIMI's), technologic dependency, as well as programs for nursing facilities that have a substantial concentration of patients of the highest acuity level (i.e., Management Minute Category T), nursing facilities that have a substantial concentration of patients with multiple sclerosis or multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, nursing facilities that have a substantial concentration of deaf patients, and nursing facilities with substantially higher costs due to island location.
- B. Rate for Innovative and Special Programs.** A provider who seeks to participate in an innovative and special program must contract with the MassHealth program to provide special care and services to distinct categories of patients designated by the MassHealth program. This is usually done through a Request for Responses by the MassHealth program for special or innovative programs to address special needs of certain patients that are not ordinarily met by existing services in nursing facilities. Payment under the innovative and special programs may be calculated based on the added reasonable and necessary costs and expenses that must be incurred (as determined by the MassHealth program) by a provider in connection with that program. The provider must verify that such items or services are furnished because of the special needs of the patients treated as contemplated in the contract with the MassHealth Program, and that such items or services are reasonable and appropriate in the efficient delivery of necessary health care. The rate for an innovative and special program may be established as an add-on to a rate established by EOHHS under 101 CMR 206.00 as of January 25, 2019 or as a stand-alone rate established by contract under M.G.L. c. 118E, s.12 that is not subject to the provisions of 101 CMR 206.00 as of January 25, 2019. In either instance, the rate must be consistent with the payment methodology established herein for long-term care facilities. In the event that the special program is located within a special unit, the remaining costs of the unit are to be integrated into the cost report for the entire facility.
- C. Facilities with High-Acuity High-Nursing Need Residents.** A provider whose resident population primarily and consistently consists of high-acuity high-nursing need residents such that the aggregate need of the entire population requires a staffing level significantly greater than a typical nursing facility may be reimbursed as a special program, in which case the increment added to the facility's rate may apply to all residents of the facility and will be calculated based on allowable costs associated with the higher care needs of the patients. In order to be eligible for reimbursement under this paragraph, a nursing facility must meet each of the following criteria:

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1. at least ninety percent (90%) of its residents must have Management Minute ("MM") scores that fall in either MM category 9 or 10 and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of its residents must have MM scores that fall in MM category 10; or (ii) the facility must be a former acute hospital that has undergone conversion to a nursing facility under the auspices of the Massachusetts Acute Hospital Conversion Board;
 2. the mean MM score for all residents of the facility in MM category 10 must be at least fifteen percent (15%) higher than the minimum score needed to qualify for MM category 10; and
 3. the facility must be a geriatric nursing facility.
- D. Pediatric Nursing Facilities.** EOHHS will determine payments to facilities licensed to provide pediatric nursing facility services using allowable reported costs for nursing and other operating costs, excluding administration and general costs, from the facility's 2007 Cost Report. EOHHS will include an administration and general payment based on 85% of 2007 median statewide administration and general costs. EOHHS will apply an appropriate cost adjustment factor to nursing, other operating, and administration and general costs.

The nursing and other operating component of the rate is increased by a cost adjustment factor of 3.79%. This factor is derived from a composite market basket. The labor component on the market basket is the Massachusetts Consumer Price Index, optimistic forecast, as provided by Global Insight. The non-labor component is based on the CMS Skilled Nursing Facility without capital market basket, except for the Food and Health Care Services subcomponents, which are based on the Regional CPI for New England, as published by Global Insight.

- E. Beds Out of Service.** Facilities with licensed beds that were out of service prior to 2001 that re-open in 2001 will receive the lower of the Standard Payment rates or the most recent prior payment rates adjusted by the applicable CAF for Nursing and Other Operating Costs.
- F. Receivership under M.G.L. c.111, s.72N *et seq.*** In accordance with 101 CMR 206.06(10) as of January 25, 2019, provider rates of a nursing facility in receivership may be adjusted by EOHHS to reflect the reasonable and necessary costs associated with the court-approved closure of the facility.
- G. Review and Approval of Rates and Rate Methodology by the MassHealth Program.** Pursuant to M.G.L c 118E, s.13, the MassHealth program shall review and approve or disapprove any change in rates or in rate methodology proposed by EOHHS. The MassHealth program shall review such proposed rate changes for consistency with federal and state policy and budget requirements prior to certification of such rates by EOHHS. The MassHealth program shall, whenever it disapproves a rate increase, submit the reasons for disapproval to EOHHS together with such recommendations for changes. Such disapproval and recommendations for changes, if any, are submitted to EOHHS after the MassHealth program is notified that EOHHS intends to propose a rate increase for any class of provider under Title XIX but in no event later than the date of the public hearing held by EOHHS regarding

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such rate change; provided that no rates shall take effect without the approval of the MassHealth program. EOHHS and the MassHealth program shall provide documentation on the reasons for increases in any class of approved rates that exceed the medical component of the CPI to the Massachusetts House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means.

- H. Supplemental Funding.** If projected payments from rates necessary to conform to applicable requirements of Title XIX are estimated by the MassHealth program to exceed the amount of funding appropriated for such purpose in the budget for the fiscal year, the MassHealth program and EOHHS shall jointly prepare and submit to the Governor a proposal for the minimum amount of supplemental funding necessary to satisfy the requirements of the State Plan developed by the MassHealth program under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act.

- I. Appeals.** A provider may file an appeal at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals of any rate established pursuant to 101 CMR 206.00 as of January 25, 2019 within 30 calendar days after EOHHS files the rate with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. EOHHS may amend a rate or request additional information from the provider even if the provider has filed a pending appeal.

- J. Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Requirements.** As part of the per diem rate calculation, an adjustment to the per diem rate will be calculated under 101 CMR 206.06(2) as of January 25, 2019 for nursing facilities that serve persons with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities and that maintain clinical and administrative procedures in a manner that complements DDS interdisciplinary service planning activities.
 - 1. **Eligibility.** Eligible facilities are those identified by DDS as providers of care to nursing facility residents with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities as of July 28, 2016. A facility may become ineligible for the allowance and its calculated per diem add-on may be rescinded if the facility fails to comply with DDS interdisciplinary service planning requirements.

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2. **Total Add-On Allowance Amount.** The total allowance amount to be allocated to all eligible facilities be equal to the number of Medicaid eligible residents identified by DDS as of July 28, 2016 as having intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities, times \$3.00, times 365 days.
 3. **Add-On Calculation.** The per diem amount to be included in the payment rate for an eligible facility is calculated by dividing the total add-on allowance amount calculated above by the product of:
 - a. Current licensed bed capacity for the rate period, times 365,
 - b. Reported 2014 actual utilization percentage, times
 - c. Reported 2014 Medicaid utilization percentage.
- K. Kosher Kitchens.** Nursing facilities with kosher kitchen and food service operations shall receive an add-on of up to \$5.00 per day to reflect any additional cost of these operations. Eligibility requirements and determination of payment amounts are described in 101 CMR 206.06(3) as of January 25, 2019.
- L. Quality Achievement and Improvement Payments and Large Medicaid Provider Payment**
1. **Quality Achievement and Improvement Payments.** Effective January 1, 2019, a nursing facility may be eligible for one of two quality achievement and improvement payments as follows. A nursing facility may receive either the Quality Achievement and Improvement Add-on or the High Medicaid Quality Achievement and Improvement Add-on, but may not receive both add-ons concurrently.
 - a. **Quality Achievement and Improvement Add-on**
 - i. **Eligibility.** A nursing facility will be eligible for a quality achievement and improvement payment if at least one of the following criteria is met:
 - (a) the nursing facility received a score of at least 124 on the Department's Nursing Facility Survey Performance Tool as of November 27, 2017 and at least 4 stars in the overall rating on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Nursing Home Compare 5-Star Quality Rating Tool as of November 1, 2017;
 - (b) the nursing facility received a score of at least 124 on the Department's Nursing Facility Survey Performance Tool as of November 27, 2017 and at least 4 stars in the staffing rating on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Nursing Home Compare 5-Star Quality Rating Tool as of November 1, 2017; or
 - (c) the nursing facility's score on the Department's Nursing Facility Survey Performance Tool increased by at least 3 points between November 27, 2016 and November 27, 2017 or the facility's overall rating on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Nursing Home Compare 5-Star Quality Rating Tool increased by at least 1 star between November 1, 2016 and November 1, 2017.
 - ii. **Calculation of Add-on.** EOHHS will calculate the amount of the add-on received by each eligible facility as follows.
 - (a) EOHHS will divide \$4.4 million by the number of Massachusetts Medicaid non-managed care days, as the term is used in the Nursing Facility Cost Report, projected for FY2019.

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- b. High Medicaid Quality Achievement and Improvement Add-on
- i. Eligibility. A nursing facility will be eligible for a high Medicaid quality achievement and improvement payment if:
 - (a) the nursing facility meets one of the criteria in IV.L.1.a.i.(a) – (c); and
 - (b) the nursing facility's combined Massachusetts Medicaid managed care days, Massachusetts Medicaid and non-managed care days, and Senior Care Options (SCO) and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) days, as reported in its 2016 Nursing Facility Cost Report, divided by total patient days excluding residential care days, as reported in its 2016 Nursing Facility Cost Report, is equal to or greater than 75%.
 - ii. Calculation of Add-on. EOHHS will calculate the amount of the add-on received by each eligible facility as follows.
 - (a) EOHHS will divide \$5.78 million by the number of Massachusetts Medicaid non-managed care days, as the term is used in the Nursing Facility Cost Report, projected for FY2019.
2. **Large Medicaid Provider Payment**. Effective until January 25, 2019, a facility will be eligible for a Large Medicaid Provider Payment as follows.
- a. Eligibility. A facility will be eligible for payment if:
 - i. The facility had at least 188 licensed beds in 2015
 - ii. the facility's 2015 Medicaid days divided by total patient days, as report in its 2015 HCF-1, was equal to or greater than 70% and
 - iii. the facility received a score of at least 122 on the Department of Public Health's Nursing Facility Survey Performance Tool or at least 3 stars on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Nursing Home Compare 5-Star Quality Rating Tool as received by the Division on August 29, 2017.
 - b. Calculation of Payment. The EOHHS will calculate the amount of the payment received by each eligible facility as follows:
 - i. EOHHS will divide the number of reported 2015 Medicaid days for each eligible facility by the total number of Medicaid days in all eligible facilities
 - ii. EOHHS will multiply the resulting percentage by \$1,670,572
 - iii. EOHHS will divide the amount calculated above by the product of:
 - (a) current licensed bed capacity for the rate period, times 365, times
 - (b) reported 2015 Actual Utilization, time
 - (c) reported 2015 Medicaid Utilization
 - c. The amount will be included as an add-on to each Provider's rate.

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- M. State-Operated Nursing Facilities.** A Facility operated by the Commonwealth will be paid at the Facility's reasonable cost of providing covered Medicaid services to eligible Medicaid recipients.
1. EOHHS will establish an interim per diem rate using a FY2014 base year CMS-2540 cost report inflated to the rate year using the cost adjustment factor calculated pursuant to (2) below and a final rate using the final CMS-2540 cost report from the rate year.
 2. EOHHS will use a 2.96% cost adjustment factor for the period FY2016 through FY2018 using a composite index using price level data from the CMS Nursing Home without capital forecast, and regional health care consumer price indices, and the Massachusetts-specific consumer price index (CPI), optimistic forecast. EOHHS will use the Massachusetts CPI as proxy for wages and salaries.
 3. EOHHS will retroactively adjust the final settled amount when the Medicare CMS- 2540 cost report is re-opened or for audit adjustments. Adjustments will be made on an annual basis to update the base year and cost adjustment factor with the most recent data.
- N. Publicly-Operated Nursing Facilities.** Certain publicly operated nursing facilities will receive an add-on payment of \$3.80 per day. Nursing facilities will be eligible for an add-on if they are owned and operated by a town, city or state government entity or transferred from municipal ownership since 2001, in which the municipality retains the power to appoint at least one member of the board, and is operating on land owned by the municipality. This amount will be included as an add-on to the rates established by EOHHS under 101 CMR 206.06(8) as of January 25, 2019.
- O. PASRR Level II Add-on.** Effective January 1, 2019, a nursing facility will be able to receive this member-based add-on for providing services to certain MassHealth members as follows.
1. Eligibility for the add-on. In order to receive the add-on for a MassHealth member, all of the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The member is eligible for nursing facility services in accordance with 130 CMR 456.403 and 456.409;
 - b. The conditions in 130 CMR 456.407 and 456.408 are met;
 - c. The facility completed an initial Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) on the member in accordance with 130 CMR 456.410 and applicable subregulatory guidance;
 - d. The facility received a Level II Determination Notice for the member from the Department of Developmental Services and/or the Department of Mental Health stating that the member meets PASRR criteria for Intellectual Disability,

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- e. Developmental Disability or Serious Mental Illness and that the nursing facility is an appropriate setting to meet the member's needs;
 - f. The facility complied with applicable subregulatory guidance on PASRR with regard to resident reviews after it received the Level II Determination Notice; and
 - g. The facility has not received a subsequent Level II Determination Notice stating that the nursing facility is not an appropriate setting to meet the member's needs.
2. Add-on amount: A nursing facility will receive a per diem of \$5.38 for each eligible MassHealth member, which will be paid separately from the nursing facility standard rates.
3. Payment of the add-on. Nursing facilities must comply with all EOHHS billing instructions in order to receive a PASRR Level II Add-on payment for an eligible MassHealth member.

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P. Certification of Public Expenditures of a Nursing Facility Owned and Operated by a Municipality.

1. Within 60 days after the filing of its Medicare CMS-2540 cost report, a nursing facility, which is owned and operated by a municipality, may submit a request for Certified Public Expenditures (CPE) to EOHHS. This CPE will account for its public expenditures of providing Medicaid services to eligible Medicaid recipients. The submission shall be based on the inpatient routine service cost reported on the 2540 Medicare cost report.

2. Following review of the facility's submission, EOHHS within 60 days of the submission, will approve, deny, or revise the amount of the Certified Public Expenditure request based upon its evaluation of the reported costs and payments. The final approved amount will be equal to the difference between the Medicaid interim payments and the total allowable Medicaid costs as determined by EOHHS and this final determined amount will be certified by the municipality as eligible for federal match.

3. Interim Payments are based on the reimbursement methodology contained in Section III of the State Plan Attachment 4.19-D(4).

4. The determination of allowable (CPE) Medicaid costs will be based on the Medicare CMS - 2540 Cost Report and will be determined on a per diem rate calculated as follows:

I. Skilled Nursing Facility Inpatient Routine Service Costs

- (A) Total Allowable Costs - Worksheet B, Part I, Line 30, Column 18
- (B) Total Days - Worksheet S-3, Line 1, Column 7
- (C) Per Diem Rate - (A)/(B)
- (D) Medicaid Days - Worksheet S-3, Line 1, Column 5
- (E) Medicaid Allowable Skilled Nursing Facility Costs - (C) X (D)

II. Nursing Facility Inpatient Service Costs

- (A) Total Allowable Costs - Worksheet B, Part I, Line 31, Column 18
- (B) Total Days - Worksheet S-3, Line 3, Column 7
- (C) Per Diem Rate - (A)/(B)
- (D) Medicaid Days - Worksheet S-3, Line 3, Column 5
- (E) Medicaid Allowable Nursing Facility Costs - (C) X (D)

III. Total Allowable Medicaid Costs

I (E) Skilled Nursing Facility Inpatient Costs + II (E) Nursing Facility Inpatient Costs

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5. EOHHS will calculate an interim reconciliation based on the difference between the interim payments and total allowable Medicaid costs from the as filed CMS - 2540 Cost Report. When the CMS-2540 is reopened the facility must immediately notify EOHHS. Within 60 days after receiving notification of the final Medicare settlement EOHHS will retroactively adjust the final settlement amount.

Q. Leaves of Absence.

The current payment rate for medical or non-medical leave of absence is \$80.10 per day.

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V. State Legislative Changes

A. Nursing Facility Assessments. An adjustment to nursing facility payment rates is established, effective January 25, 2019, to reimburse participating MassHealth nursing facilities for the providers' assessment costs that are incurred for the care of MassHealth members only, reflecting a portion of the providers' total assessment costs. No reimbursement is made for the providers' assessment costs that are incurred for the care of privately paying residents or others who are not MassHealth members.

1. The rate adjustments for the Nursing Facility Assessment (User Fee) reflect Medicaid's partial share of the tax costs as an allowable cost for purposes of developing Medicaid payment rates and do not provide for a hold harmless arrangement with providers.

(a) Except as provided in section V.A.1.(b) and (c) below, each nursing facility's user fee adjustment will be based on the facility's Nursing Facility Group under 101 CMR 512.04 as follows:

Nursing Facility Group under 101 CMR 512.04 as of October 6, 2016	Adjustment Amount
1	\$15.47
2	\$1.55
3	\$1.55
4	\$0.00

(b) For the period from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, the user fee adjustment will be as follows:

Nursing Facility Group under 101 CMR 512.04 as of October 6, 2016	Adjustment Amount
1	\$18.98
2	\$1.90
3	\$1.90
4	\$0.00

(c) **FY2019 Annualization.** For the period from October 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, there will be an additional user fee adjustment as follows:

Nursing Facility Group under 101 CMR 512.04 as of October 6, 2016	Adjustment Amount
1	\$0.57
2	\$0.06
3	\$0.06
4	\$0.00

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- d) A prior rate period may be recertified to exclude these add-ons if the Nursing Facility fails to incur the cost of the Nursing Facility user fee assessment within 120 days of the assessment due date.
- e) The add-on amount may be adjusted to reflect a change in the amount of the Nursing Facility user fee assessment under 101 CMR 512.04.

B. Multiple Sclerosis Primary Diagnosis. In accordance with the provisions of St. 2002, c. 184, §180, as amended by St. 2002, c. 300, §43, and Chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, a rate add-on is computed, for eligible nursing facilities that serve a patient population of which more than 75% of the residents have a primary diagnosis of multiple sclerosis to reflect the difference between the standard payment amounts for nursing and the actual base year nursing costs of the eligible nursing facility. Therefore, an eligible nursing facility would get full recognition of its actual base year nursing costs in its rates.

C. Payments for Direct Care Workers. For the period from October 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, providers will receive periodic lump sum installment payments for wages, benefits, and related employee costs of direct care workers totaling \$38.3 million to be distributed.

- a) Calculation of Payments. EOHHS will:
 - 1. Sum the total FY2018 direct care staff payments for all providers.
 - 2. Calculate the difference between \$38.3 million and the total FY2018 direct care staff payments for all providers included in V.C.(a)(1).
 - 3. Divide the FY2018 total direct care staff payments for each provider by the FY2018 total direct care staff payments for all providers and multiply the quotient by the difference calculated under V.C.(a)(2).
 - 4. For each provider, sum the provider's total FY2018 total direct care staff payment and share of the difference for the provider calculated under V.C.(a)(3).
- b) Distribution of Payments. The total FY2019 direct care staff payment calculated pursuant to V.C.(a) for each provider will be paid to each provider in three periodic installment payments in October 2018, January 2019 and April 2019. Any FY2019 direct care staff payment allocated to a provider that closes during FY2019 shall not be paid to the closing provider following the date of closure and shall be redistributed among all remaining eligible providers.

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VI. Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICFs/ID)

Payments for services provided by Intermediate Care Facilities for the Intellectually Disabled (ICFs/ID) to publicly assisted residents are governed by EOHHS regulation, 101 CMR 129: Rate and Charge Determination for Certain Intermediate Care Facilities Operated by the Department of Developmental Services (formerly 114.1 CMR 29.00) as of July 1, 2013.

The per diem payment rates for ICFs/ID are provider-specific and are established using Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) ICF Cost Reports (403A). ICFs/ID rates are interim in nature and final rates are determined based on the final cost reports for the rate year. The initial inpatient per diem rate is calculated by dividing the allowable total patient care costs by total patient days using data from the fiscal year two years prior to the rate year and then adding inflation up to the rate year. The final inpatient per diem is calculated by dividing the allowable total patient care costs by total patient days using the data from the rate year. The final rate then replaces the initial per diem for the rate year.

The inflation factor for the initial per diem rates consists of a composite index comprised of two cost categories: labor and non-labor. The Massachusetts CPI is used as a proxy for the labor cost categories and the CMS Market Basket for Prospective Payment System-exempt hospitals is used for the non-labor cost category.

Payment rates include all allowable costs that are reasonable and directly related to health care and services provided in the ICFs/ID. Allowable total patient care costs are the sum of the ICF/ID's total inpatient routine and ancillary costs plus overhead costs associated with ICFs/ID health care and services, as reviewed and adjusted pursuant to regulation 101 CMR 129.04.

An ICF/ID may apply for an administrative adjustment to its inpatient per diem rate.