

State of Mississippi

Descriptions of Limitations as to Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical Care and Services Provided

Hospice

Mississippi Medicaid's hospice fee schedule is updated annually with an effective date of October 1 for services provided on or after that date. All rates may be viewed at <http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/HospiceFees.aspx>.

The fee schedule reimburses for the hospice benefit, including routine home care, continuous home care, inpatient respite care and general inpatient care. These rates are authorized by section 1814(i)(c)(ii) of the Social Security Act, which also provides for annual increases in payment rates for hospice care services.

If a Medicaid beneficiary elects the Hospice Program and is admitted to nursing facility as an individual on hospice at the same time or while residing in a nursing facility when the hospice election is made, the State pays the hospice provider a room and board rate that is 95% of the Medicaid Nursing Facility per diem rate for each Medicaid or dually eligible individual on hospice residing in a nursing facility. This rate is required by Section 1902 (a)(13)(B) of the Social Security Act and is an additional per diem rate paid on routine home care and continuous home care days. Any Medicaid payment to the nursing facility ceases when the rate is paid to the hospice provider. The hospice provider pays the 95% rate to the nursing facility for room and board. All nursing facility rates may be viewed at <http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/Providers.aspx>.