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TO: Hospice and Nursing Facility Providers

RE: Change in Hospice Rates

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify providers of two changes to hospice rates.

Annual Change to Rates for RCCs 651, 652, 655 and 656

Rates for routine, continuous, respite and general inpatient services (RCCs 651, 652, 655 and 656 respectively) provided by hospice agencies increased effective October 1, 2012 consistent with Section 1902(a)(13)(B) of the Social Security Act. The new rates can be found on the Department's Web site at www.ctdssmap.com. From the Home page select "Provider", "Provider Fee Schedule Download", "Hospice". To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

Paid claims where the detailed billed amount is greater than the new allowed amount will be retroactively adjusted in a future rate mass adjustment. Rate mass adjustments occur in the second financial cycle of each month in the month following a rate update. Providers are encouraged to bill their usual and customary charge when submitting Hospice claims to ensure the systematic reprocessing of their claims whenever a rate change occurs.

Change to Nursing Facility Pass-Through Per Diem Rate (RCC 658)

Effective with dates of service March 1, 2013 and forward the pass through payment for the nursing home per diem billed by hospice agencies under RCC 658 is being set at 95% of the nursing facility's rate on file. This change is mandated by Sec. 9 of Public Act 12-1 (Dec. Special Session).

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