

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health Care Finance**



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TO: All D.C. Medicaid Hospice Providers  
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Director  
DATE: May 22, 2009  
SUBJECT: **FY 2008 Medicaid Hospice Rates**

The purpose of this Transmittal is to inform you that effective October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009, the Medicaid payment rates for hospice care have been amended in accordance with section 1814(i)(1)(C)(ii)(VII) of the Social Security Act. This act provides for an annual increase in payment rates for hospice care, but hospice physician services are not increased under this provision. The rates are calculated based on the annual hospice rates established by Medicare and are adjusted to reflect the Medicare Hospice Wage Index for the Washington, D.C Metropolitan Core-Based Statistical Area.

Medicaid hospice payment rates for care and services provided from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 are listed below:

Revenue Code	Description	Rate (Daily)
651	Routine Home Care	\$155.31
652	Continuous Home Care	\$905.65
655	Inpatient Respite Care	\$164.40
656	General Inpatient Care	\$685.39

The established hospice cap runs from November 1 through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The hospice cap amount for both Medicare and Medicaid for the cap year ending October 31, 2007 is \$22,386.15.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Fred Hoeflinger, Reimbursement Supervisor, Office of Audit and Finance, Department of Health Care Finance, on 202 442-9071.

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