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**Department of Health Care Finance**



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**TO:** All D.C. Medicaid Hospice Providers

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**SUBJECT:** **FY 2016 Medicaid Hospice Rates Reform to Routine Home Care and Service Intensity Add-On**

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The purpose of this Transmittal is to inform you of changes to Hospice payment rates effective February 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016. The Medicaid payment rate for Routine Home Care (RHC) has been changed to reflect a two-tiered routine home care rate and a Service Intensity Add-on (SIA) payment. This two-tier routine reveals the first significant change to the hospice payment methodology.

The single routine home care per diem rate will be replaced by two (2) new rates that results in a higher base payment for the first sixty (60) days of hospice care and a reduced base payment rate from the sixty first (61) day thereafter. A new Service Intensity Add-on will be available for up to (4) hours per day for services provided by a registered nurse (RN) or social worker to a beneficiary receiving routine home care during the last (7) days of the beneficiary's life.

The procedure codes and rates are as follows:

Revenue Code	Description	Rate
651	<b>Routine Home Care Day 1-60</b>	<b>\$192.41 Daily</b>
651	<b>Routine Home Care Day 61+</b>	<b>\$151.21 Daily</b>
653	<b>Routine Home Care/Intensity Add-On</b>	<b>\$40.50 Hourly</b>

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