

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

Office of the Senior Deputy Director/Medical Director



**Transmittal # 15-34**

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

**FROM:** Claudia Schlosberg   
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**DATE:** **SEP 25 2015**

**SUBJECT:** **FY 2016 Medicaid Hospice Rates**

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The purpose of this Transmittal is to inform you that effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, the Medicaid payment rates for hospice care has been updated 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, 2015 through September 30, 2016 are listed below:

Revenue Code	Description	Rate (Daily)
651	<b>Routine Home Care</b>	<b>\$166.72</b>
652	<b>Continuous Home Care</b>	<b>\$972.11</b>
655	<b>Inpatient Respite Care</b>	<b>\$180.22</b>
656	<b>General Inpatient Care</b>	<b>\$739.24</b>

The established hospice cap runs from November 1 through October 31st. The hospice cap amount for both Medicare and Medicaid for the cap year ending October 31, 2016 is \$27,820.75

If you have questions, please contact Andrea Clark, Reimbursement Analyst, Office of Rates, Reimbursement and Financial Analysis, Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) on (202) 724-4096.

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