


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



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**Transmittal # 17-23**

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

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**DATE:** October 4, 2017

**SUBJECT:** **FY 2018 Medicaid Hospice Rates**

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The purpose of this Transmittal is to inform you that effective October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018, 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. While this act provides for an annual increase in payment rates for hospice care, the 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.

The Medicaid hospice payment rates for care and services provided from October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018, are listed below:

<b>Revenue Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rate</b>
651	<b>Routine Home Care (Day 1-60)</b>	<b>\$197.34 Daily</b>
651	<b>Routine Home Care (Day 61+)</b>	<b>\$155.00 Daily</b>
652	<b>Continuous Home Care</b>	<b>\$998.61 Daily</b>
653	<b>Service Intensity Add-On</b>	<b>\$41.61 Hourly</b>
655	<b>Inpatient Respite Care</b>	<b>\$185.07 Daily</b>
656	<b>General Inpatient Care</b>	<b>\$759.02 Daily</b>

Further, in line with the: *Medicare Program; FY 2018 Hospice Wage Index and Payment Rate Update and Hospice Quality Reporting Requirements*, the Medicaid hospice cap for the year ending October 31, 2018 is \$28,689.04.

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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