GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal 24-17

TO: DC Medicaid Providers and DC Medicaid Managed Care Plans

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DATE: April 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Nursing Facility Rate Increase effective May 1, 2024.

Purpose

The purpose of this Transmittal is to inform all DC Medicaid Nursing Facility Providers that effective for dates of service beginning May 1, 2024, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) will make changes to the nursing facility service fee-for-service rates. Nursing facility reimbursement rates are updated in accordance with authority provided in the District of Columbia Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 4.19D, Part I and 29 DCMR 6500 et seq.

Details

For services effective May 1, 2024, DHCF shall increase the nursing and resident care rate component by a uniform factor, per nursing facility peer group. This increase addresses industry-wide post-Covid-19 pandemic increases in care costs that are due to wage increases and labor shortages.

Implementation

While the increase will be made to services effective May 1, 2024, implementation will occur at a later date. Prior to the implementation of the increased rates, DHCF will issue individual rate notices including instructions on billing dates about when providers can begin billing with the new rates, billing timeframes, and the claims reprocessing/recycling process.

Contact

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DC Hospital Association

DC Primary Care Association Medical Society of the District of Columbia