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Re: Nursing Facility Rates

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Medicaid nursing facility reimbursement rates are now available on the DMA website. This was at the request of the counties due to the change to the Case mix payment system.

Case mix is a payment system where the facility payment rate is based on the medical needs of all the patients.

The facility's reimbursement rate for a 31 day month is used in Step 1 of Long Term Care budgeting to determine if the applicant/recipient is financially eligible. See MA-2270, Long Term Care Need and Budgeting, VI. B.

The nursing facility rates will be updated quarterly on October 1, January 1, April 1, and July 1. The rate change will be on the website within 15 days of the quarterly dates. Historical versions of the rates will not be maintained.

You may print the rates to maintain a history of rates or if you need the rate for a prior quarter you may contact the facility.

To access the rates, go to www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma, click on:

Nursing Facility Rates

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- Provider Links – then scroll down to
- Publications, and
- Click on the fourth bullet

You will be asked to accept an agreement, choose accept. You will see a variety of fee schedules.

Go to “Nursing Facility Rates” and click on either “Adobe Acrobat Format” or “Microsoft Excel Format.” An alphabetic list of nursing facilities and their daily reimbursement rates for the current quarter will be displayed. Find the nursing facility in question and multiply the daily reimbursement rate by 31 to determine the facility’s rate for a 31 day month.

If you have any questions regarding the nursing facility rates, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Benton