



INTERIM COMMISSIONER
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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 09-163
Medicaid Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2009

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the Medicaid Hospice Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2010 based on information provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The new rates were effective October 1, 2009. Providers should refer to the county where the hospice recipient is receiving services for the new rate.

The electronic payment system has been updated with the new rates, and a retroactive adjustment will occur so that the new rate will be credited to claims paid from October 1, 2009 to present. No action is required by individual providers. However, if the repayment fails, providers will need to re-bill the denied claims. The hospice cap amount for the cap year ending October 31, 2009 is \$23,014.50.

The new hospice rates can be accessed at:

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/programs/rad/Hospice/Hospice.html> .

Providers who use paper vouchers must submit Form 1290, Long-Term Care Claim to:

Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership
Attention: Long-Term Care
P.O. Box 200105
Austin, Texas 78727-0105

Providers can access Medicaid Hospice forms and instructions, information letters and policy clarifications at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/communications/index.cfm>

Please call Provider Claims Services at (512) 438-2200 if you have questions regarding billing and payments for hospice services.

Sincerely,

[signature on file]

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