



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
Department of Health Care Services



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Subject: Adjustment of Hospice Claims Due to Retroactive Rate Updates

Dear Provider:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) updated provider reimbursement rates for Long Term Care (LTC), affecting the pricing of hospice claims for revenue code 0658 (room and board), effective retroactively for dates of service on or after March 1, 2020. If the rate was increased, the adjustment is positive. If the rate was reduced, the adjustment is negative.

No action is required on your part. The California Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Fiscal Intermediary will adjust the affected claims. These adjustments will appear on *Remittance Advice Details* (RAD) forms beginning November 19, 2020, (for positive adjustments) and December 17, 2020, (for negative adjustments), with **RAD code 0901: EPC Hospice Retro Rate Adjustment**.

The recoveries are authorized under the provisions of *Welfare and Institutions Code* (W&I Code), Sections 14176 and 14177, and *California Code of Regulations* (CCR), Title 22, Section 51458.1(a)(1). In addition, the W&I Code sections authorize DHCS to enter into repayment agreements with providers or offset overpayments against amounts due. If the total warrant amount is not sufficient to offset the recovery, the negative balance will be converted to an accounts receivable transaction and subtracted from future Medi-Cal reimbursements.

If you disagree with any of these adjustments, you may submit a *Claims Inquiry Form* (CIF) within six months of the new RAD date or you may submit an *Appeal Form* within 90 days of the new RAD date. For CIF completion instructions, please refer to the *CIF Completion and CIF Special Billing Instructions* sections in the appropriate Part 2 manual or on the Medi-Cal website (www.medi-cal.ca.gov). For *Appeal Form* completion instructions, please refer to the *Appeal Form Completion* section in the appropriate Part 2 manual or on the Medi-Cal website.

If you have questions regarding these adjustments, please call the California MMIS Fiscal Intermediary Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555, option 5, followed by option 6 or write to the California MMIS Fiscal Intermediary Correspondence Specialist Unit at P.O. Box 13029, Sacramento, CA 95813-4029.

Sincerely,

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Gainwell Technology, on behalf of

California Department of Health Care Services

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