METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

Emergency Interim Payments

Effective retroactively to February 21, 2024, and effective for affected services provided through June 30, 2024, Hospitals are eligible, upon request, to receive payments for Inpatient hospital services in amounts representative of prior claims payment experience for Inpatient hospital services that are not otherwise paid as a result of the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident.

The average payment is based on the total claims for Inpatient hospital services paid to the individual Hospital, inclusive of 60% of Medicaid base payments for Inpatient hospital services made under the Medicaid state plan, between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, divided by 13 weeks. The payment will be made for services provided through June 30, 2024, on a weekly basis. This is not an advanced payment or prepayment prior to services furnished by providers. These payments will be reconciled to the final payment amount the provider was eligible to receive under the Medicaid state plan for Inpatient hospital services during the timeframe for which it was receiving interim payments under this provision. The reconciliation will be completed within 90 days or 12 weeks following the last day of the quarter in which the state is able to again process payments for claims following the resolution of the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident.

If the reconciliation results in discovery of an overpayment to the provider, the state will attempt to recoup the overpayment amounts within 90 days or 12 weeks and will return the federal share within the timeframe specified in 42 CFR 433.316 and 433.320 regardless of whether the state recoups the overpayment amount from the provider, unless an exception applies under 42 CFR part 433, subpart F.

If the reconciliation results in an underpayment to the provider, the state will make an additional payment to the provider in the amount of the underpayment within 90 days. The state will follow all applicable program integrity requirements relating to interim payments to providers and the associated reconciliation process. The state will ensure that hospitals receiving payments under this interim methodology for Inpatient hospital services will continue to furnish Inpatient hospital services to Medicaid beneficiaries during the interim payment period and that access to Inpatient hospital services is not limited.

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METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES OTHER TYPES OF CARE

Emergency Interim Payments

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The average payment is based on the total claims for Outpatient hospital services paid to the individual Hospital, inclusive of 60% of Medicaid base payments for Outpatient hospital services made under the Medicaid state plan, between October 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023, divided by 13 weeks. The payment will be made for services provided through June 30, 2024, on a weekly basis. This is not an advanced payment or prepayment prior to services furnished by providers. These payments will be reconciled to the final payment amount the provider was eligible to receive under the Medicaid state plan for Outpatient hospital services during the timeframe for which it was receiving interim payments under this provision. The reconciliation will be completed within 90 days or 12 weeks following the last day of the quarter in which the state is able to again process payments for claims following the resolution of the Change Healthcare cybersecurity incident.

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