



## ***IHCP COVID-19 Response: Reimbursement temporarily increased for COVID-19 Ready nursing facilities***

In response to the current coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Delta variant surge and the need to ease the stress on hospitals by ensuring placement options for stable COVID-19 patients who are ready for transfer, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is implementing a temporary 4% increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates for Indiana nursing facilities that attest to being *COVID-19 Ready* based on the requirements outlined in this bulletin.



Providers that attest to being *COVID-19 Ready* will also be eligible for a temporary \$230 per resident daily add-on for each COVID-19 positive resident. The \$230 per resident daily add-on is limited to up to 21 days per resident.

A future publication will announce when providers will start seeing the additional reimbursement.

### **COVID-19 Ready 4% increase**

To qualify for the temporary 4% rate increase, nursing facilities will need to follow, and attest to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) *COVID-19 Ready* requirements:

- Follow IDOH COVID-19 Long-Term Care (LTC) Standard Operating Procedures and IDOH COVID-19 Infection Prevention (IP) Toolkit, located on the [Professional Resources](#) page at [coronavirus.in.gov](https://coronavirus.in.gov).
- Follow IDOH LTC hospital transfer guidance or have developed a mutually agreed upon plan with local hospitals for admission and readmission of COVID-19 patients.
- Follow IDOH, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) communication guidelines.
- Accept COVID-19 new admissions, readmissions and transfers.
- Share complete COVID-19 status information with transportation providers serving residents.
- Follow IDOH, CMS and CDC reporting requirements for new COVID-19 cases and deaths involving residents and staff.
- Provide daily updates of COVID-19 bed capacity and changes in admission status (for example, admissions hold) in the [EMResource](#) system at [emresource.juware.com](https://emresource.juware.com).

This temporary 4% rate increase will be calculated based on each facility's standard rates.

### COVID-19 \$230 per resident add-on

To qualify for the temporary \$230 per patient daily add-on, the facility must complete both of the following requirements:

- Submit an attestation and comply with IDOH requirements for a *COVID-19 Ready* facility (as described in the previous section).
- Bill claims for COVID-19 positive residents with the primary diagnosis code of U07.1 – *COVID-19 positive*.



Qualified providers will be paid the temporary \$230 per resident add-on for the full 21 days from the initial positive diagnosis if the following statements are true:

- The resident is in a *COVID-19 Ready* facility.
- The resident is COVID-19 positive between Sept. 20, 2021, and Oct. 16, 2021.
- Claims had U07.1 as the primary diagnosis.
- The resident was not discharged prior to the 21 days for any reason, including death, transfer to another facility or being sent home.

### Effective dates

The temporary 4% increase is available for qualifying providers for dates of service beginning Sept. 20, 2021, through Oct. 16, 2021.

The temporary \$230 per patient per day add-on is available to qualifying providers for dates of service beginning Sept. 20, 2021, and extending for up to 21 days, for residents that are COVID-19 positive between Sept. 20, 2021, and Oct. 16, 2021.

### Attestation process

Nursing facility providers that are *COVID-19 Ready* must:

- Complete and sign the *Attestation Statement – COVID-19 Ready Providers* located on the Myers and Stauffer website and email it to [Derris.Harrison@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Derris.Harrison@fssa.in.gov).
- Update their *COVID-19 Ready* status in [EMResource](#). Providers must be enrolled in the EMResource system and attest to being *COVID-19 Ready* by entering “yes” in the LTC COVID Ready Facility Status column.

### QUESTIONS?

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