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To: All IHCP-enrolled Hospice Providers**Subject: Annual Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2008****Overview**

Each year on October 1, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) releases new hospice rates to state Medicaid agencies for Medicaid-enrolled hospice providers. This bulletin provides the following information for Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) hospice rates effective October 1, 2008, through September 30, 2009:

- A brief explanation of the method of calculation used by Myers and Stauffer, LC, the IHCP long-term care contractor, about the new IHCP hospice rates.
- A brief summary of how EDS, the IHCP fiscal agent, updated IndianaAIM to reflect the new hospice rates and the mass adjustment activity for previously paid claims.
- A table listing the new IHCP hospice rates effective October 1, 2008, as prepared by Myers and Stauffer.

Method of Calculation

- Reimbursement for the IHCP hospice benefit follows the methodology and level established by the CMS for the administration of the federal Medicare program. Therefore, the IHCP hospice rates, based on Medicare reimbursement rates and methodology, are adjusted to disregard offsets resulting from Medicare premium amounts. The rates are adjusted in wages using listings from the CMS.
- The total per diem amounts reimbursed to IHCP-enrolled providers are calculated according to IHCP hospice members' levels of care (LOC). Hospice providers are reimbursed at one of the hospice LOCs. A member's hospice LOC is covered in one of the following situations:
 - Routine home hospice LOC in the private home – IHCP hospice per diem only
 - Routine home hospice LOC in the nursing home – IHCP hospice per diem plus room and board per diem

- Continuous home hospice LOC in the private home – IHCP hospice per diem only
- Continuous home hospice LOC in the nursing home – IHCP hospice per diem plus room and board per diem
- Inpatient respite care for private home members or nursing facility members – IHCP hospice per diem only. There is no additional room and board per diem for this service.
- General inpatient care for private home members or nursing facility members – IHCP hospice per diem only. There is no additional room and board per diem for this service.

Hospice providers are reminded that the *Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997* changed the reimbursement methodology so that the hospice per diem for routine and continuous home hospice LOC is paid using the wage index listing of the city or county where the member resides. The *BBA of 1997* specified that when a hospice bills for inpatient hospice care, the hospice rate continues to be paid using the wage index listing of the city or county where the hospice is located. IndianaAIM pays IHCP hospice claims consistent with the *BBA of 1997*.

The new hospice rates were loaded in IndianaAIM on October 31, 2008, and are listed in Table 2, beginning on the next page.

Payment of Hospice Claims

The unweighted amounts for the hospice rates are noted in Table 1 for hospice agencies whose software requires that information.

Table 1 – Unweighted Amounts for Hospice Rates

Level of Care	Unweighted Amount
Routine Home Care	\$ 43.85
Continuous Home Care	\$255.72
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 69.91
General Inpatient Care	\$224.10

A mass adjustment will be performed the week of November 24, 2008, on claims with dates of service October 1, 2008, through October 31, 2008. If you have questions, contact EDS Customer Assistance at (317) 655-3240 in the Indianapolis area or toll free at 1-800-577-1278.

Medicaid Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2008

Table 2 – Hospice Wage-Adjusted Rates Effective October 1, 2008

County Name	County Code	Wage Index	Routine Home Care	Continuous Home Care, Full Rate – 24 Hours	Continuous Home Care – Hourly Rate	Inpatient Respite Care	General Inpatient Care
Anderson							
Madison	48	0.9266	133.08	776.04	32.34	146.35	593.41
Bloomington							
Greene	28	0.9358	133.97	781.21	32.55	147.11	597.07
Monroe	53	0.9358	133.97	781.21	32.55	147.11	597.07
Owen	60	0.9358	133.97	781.21	32.55	147.11	597.07
Cincinnati							
Dearborn	15	1.0270	142.75	832.42	34.68	154.64	633.42
Ohio	58	1.0270	142.75	832.42	34.68	154.64	633.42
Franklin	24	1.0270	142.75	832.42	34.68	154.64	633.42
Columbus							
Bartholomew	3	1.0011	140.26	817.88	34.08	152.50	623.10
Elkhart-Goshen							
Elkhart	20	1.0089	141.01	822.26	34.26	153.14	626.21
Evansville							
Gibson	26	0.9092	131.41	766.27	31.93	144.92	586.47
Posey	65	0.9092	131.41	766.27	31.93	144.92	586.47
Vanderburgh	82	0.9092	131.41	766.27	31.93	144.92	586.47
Warrick	87	0.9092	131.41	766.27	31.93	144.92	586.47
Fort Wayne							
Allen	2	0.9745	137.69	802.94	33.46	150.31	612.50
Wells	90	0.9745	137.69	802.94	33.46	150.31	612.50
Whitley	92	0.9745	137.69	802.94	33.46	150.31	612.50
Gary							
Lake	45	0.9682	137.09	799.40	33.31	149.79	609.99
Jasper	37	0.9682	137.09	799.40	33.31	149.79	609.99
Newton	56	0.9682	137.09	799.40	33.31	149.79	609.99
Porter	64	0.9682	137.09	799.40	33.31	149.79	609.99
Indianapolis							
Boone	6	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Brown	7	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Hamilton	29	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Hancock	30	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Hendricks	32	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Johnson	41	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Marion	49	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Morgan	55	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93

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Putnam	67	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Shelby	73	1.0333	143.36	835.96	34.83	155.16	635.93
Kokomo							
Howard	34	1.0068	140.80	821.08	34.21	152.97	625.37
Tipton	80	1.0068	140.80	821.08	34.21	152.97	625.37
Lafayette							
Benton	4	0.9310	133.51	778.51	32.44	146.72	595.16
Carroll	8	0.9310	133.51	778.51	32.44	146.72	595.16
Tippecanoe	79	0.9310	133.51	778.51	32.44	146.72	595.16
Louisville							
Clark	10	0.9515	135.48	790.03	32.92	148.41	603.33
Floyd	22	0.9515	135.48	790.03	32.92	148.41	603.33
Harrison	31	0.9515	135.48	790.03	32.92	148.41	603.33
Washington	88	0.9515	135.48	790.03	32.92	148.41	603.33
Michigan City/La Porte							
La Porte	46	0.9357	133.96	781.15	32.55	147.11	597.03
Muncie							
Delaware	18	0.8622	126.88	739.88	30.83	141.04	567.74
South Bend							
St. Joseph	71	1.0095	141.06	822.59	34.27	153.19	626.45
Terre Haute							
Clay	11	0.9243	132.86	774.75	32.28	146.16	592.49
Sullivan	77	0.9243	132.86	774.75	32.28	146.16	592.49
Vermillion	83	0.9243	132.86	774.75	32.28	146.16	592.49
Vigo	84	0.9243	132.86	774.75	32.28	146.16	592.49
Nonurban Areas							
Adams	1	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Blackford	5	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Cass	9	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Clinton	12	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Crawford	13	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Daviess	14	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
De Kalb	17	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Decatur	16	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Dubois	19	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Fayette	21	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Fountain	23	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Fulton	25	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88

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Grant	27	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Henry	33	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Huntington	35	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Jackson	36	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Jay	38	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Jefferson	39	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Jennings	40	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Knox	42	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Kosciusko	43	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Lagrange	44	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Lawrence	47	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Marshall	50	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Martin	51	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Miami	52	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Montgomery	54	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Noble	57	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Orange	59	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Parke	61	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Perry	62	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Pike	63	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Pulaski	66	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Randolph	68	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Ripley	69	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Rush	70	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Scott	72	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Spencer	74	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Starke	75	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Steuben	76	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Switzerland	78	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Union	81	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Wabash	85	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Warren	86	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
Wayne	89	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88
White	91	0.9002	130.54	761.22	31.72	144.18	582.88