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Annual hospice rates effective October 1, 2010

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 the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) hospice rates that are effective October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011:

- 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 list of the new IHCP hospice rates, effective October 1, 2010, 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 an IHCP-enrolled provider are calculated according to the IHCP hospice member's location of care. Hospice providers are reimbursed at one of the hospice levels of care (LOC). The bullets below show how a member's hospice LOC is covered in one of the following situations:

Hospice level of care coverage

- 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*

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- 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 the 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 the 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 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 did specify that when a hospice bills for inpatient hospice care that the hospice rate would continue 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.

Payment of hospice claims

The Medicaid hospice payment rates for care and services provided from October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011, are as follows:

Table 1 – Medicaid hospice payment rates for care and services

Description	Daily Rate	Wage Component Subject to Index	Unweighted Amount
Routine home care	\$146.82	\$100.88	\$45.94
Continuous home care	\$856.12 full rate = 24hrs. of care/\$35.67 hourly rate	\$588.24	\$267.88
Inpatient respite care	\$159.65	\$86.42	\$73.23
General inpatient care	\$652.27	\$417.52	\$234.75

The Daily Rate is the sum of the Wage Component Subject to Index and the Unweighted Amount. The Wage Component Subject to Index is the labor portion of the Daily Rate. The Unweighted Amount is the nonlabor portion of the Daily Rate. The Hospice Wage Adjusted Rates are computed by multiplying the Wage Component Subject to Index by the wage index for the applicable geographic area and adding the result to the Unweighted Amount.

Medicaid hospice rates effective October 1, 2010

Hospice Wage-Adjusted Rates Effective October 1, 2010

County name	County code	Wage ¹ index	Routine home care	Continuous home care full rate 24 hrs	Continuous home care hourly rate	Inpatient respite care	General inpatient care
Anderson:							
Madison	48	0.9463	141.40	824.53	34.36	155.01	629.85
Bloomington:							
Greene	28	0.9454	141.31	824.00	34.33	154.93	629.47
Monroe	53	0.9454	141.31	824.00	34.33	154.93	629.47
Owen	60	0.9454	141.31	824.00	34.33	154.93	629.47
Cincinnati:							
Dearborn	15	0.9914	145.95	851.06	35.46	158.91	648.68
Ohio	58	0.9914	145.95	851.06	35.46	158.91	648.68
Franklin	24	0.9914	145.95	851.06	35.46	158.91	648.68
Columbus:							
Bartholomew	3	0.9969	146.51	854.30	35.60	159.38	650.98
Elkhart-Goshen:							
Elkhart	20	0.9920	146.01	851.41	35.48	158.96	648.93
Evansville:							
Gibson	26	0.8909	135.81	791.94	33.00	150.22	606.72
Posey	65	0.8909	135.81	791.94	33.00	150.22	606.72
Vanderburgh	82	0.8909	135.81	791.94	33.00	150.22	606.72
Warrick	87	0.8909	135.81	791.94	33.00	150.22	606.72
Fort Wayne:							
Allen	2	0.9421	140.98	822.06	34.25	154.65	628.10
Wells	90	0.9421	140.98	822.06	34.25	154.65	628.10
Whitley	92	0.9421	140.98	822.06	34.25	154.65	628.10
Gary:							
Lake	45	0.9710	143.89	839.06	34.96	157.14	640.16
Jasper	37	0.9710	143.89	839.06	34.96	157.14	640.16
Newton	56	0.9710	143.89	839.06	34.96	157.14	640.16
Porter	64	0.9710	143.89	839.06	34.96	157.14	640.16
Indianapolis:							
Boone	6	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Brown	7	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99

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Hamilton	29	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Hancock	30	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Hendricks	32	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Johnson	41	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Marion	49	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Morgan	55	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Putnam	67	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Shelby	73	1.0185	148.69	867.00	36.13	161.25	659.99
Kokomo:							
Howard	34	1.0310	149.95	874.36	36.43	162.33	665.21
Tipton	80	1.0310	149.95	874.36	36.43	162.33	665.21
Lafayette:							
Benton	4	0.9598	142.76	832.47	34.69	156.18	635.49
Carroll	8	0.9598	142.76	832.47	34.69	156.18	635.49
Tippecanoe	79	0.9598	142.76	832.47	34.69	156.18	635.49
Louisville:							
Clark	10	0.9371	140.47	819.12	34.13	154.21	626.01
Floyd	22	0.9371	140.47	819.12	34.13	154.21	626.01
Harrison	31	0.9371	140.47	819.12	34.13	154.21	626.01
Washington	88	0.9371	140.47	819.12	34.13	154.21	626.01
Michigan City/ LaPorte:							
La Porte	46	0.9734	144.14	840.47	35.02	157.35	641.16
Muncie:							
Delaware	18	0.8767	134.38	783.59	32.65	148.99	600.79
South Bend:							
St. Joseph	71	1.0130	148.13	863.77	35.99	160.77	657.70
Terre Haute:							
Clay	11	0.9473	141.50	825.12	34.38	155.10	630.27
Sullivan	77	0.9473	141.50	825.12	34.38	155.10	630.27
Vermillion	83	0.9473	141.50	825.12	34.38	155.10	630.27
Vigo	84	0.9473	141.50	825.12	34.38	155.10	630.27

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Nonurban Areas:							
Adams	1	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Blackford	5	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Cass	9	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Clinton	12	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Crawford	13	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Daviess	14	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
De Kalb	17	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Decatur	16	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Dubois	19	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Fayette	21	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Fountain	23	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Fulton	25	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Grant	27	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Henry	33	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Huntington	35	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Jackson	36	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Jay	38	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Jefferson	39	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Jennings	40	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Knox	42	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Kosciusko	43	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Lagrange	44	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Lawrence	47	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Marshall	50	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Martin	51	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Miami	52	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Montgomery	54	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Noble	57	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Orange	59	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Parke	61	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Perry	62	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Pike	63	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Pulaski	66	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Randolph	68	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Ripley	69	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Rush	70	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Scott	72	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Spencer	74	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Starke	75	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Steuben	76	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Switzerland	78	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Union	81	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Wabash	85	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01

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Warren	86	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
Wayne	89	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01
White	91	0.8916	135.88	792.35	33.01	150.28	607.01

¹The Hospice Wage Index was published in the Federal Register July 22, 2010. States adjust the wage component of the daily hospice payment rates to reflect local geographical differences in the wage levels.

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