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**To:           All Indiana Health Coverage Programs-Enrolled  
              Hospice Providers**

**Subject:   New Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 1999**

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## Overview

Effective October 1, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) annually establishes and releases new hospice rates to State Medicaid agencies for Medicaid-enrolled hospice providers.

This bulletin provides the following information regarding the new Medicaid hospice rates:

- A brief explanation of the method of calculation used by Myers and Stauffer, LC, to establish the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP), formerly known as Indiana Medicaid Programs, hospice rates.
- A brief summary of how EDS, IHCP's fiscal agent contractor, has updated the IndianaAIM system to reflect the new hospice rates and the date mass claims adjustments were made.
- A table that reflects the new IHCP hospice rates, effective October 1, 1999, as prepared by Myers and Stauffer, LC, IHCP's long-term care rate-setting contractor.

## Method of Calculation of IHCP Hospice Rates

As outlined in the IHCP hospice provider manual, reimbursement for the IHCP hospice benefit follows the methodology and level established by HCFA for the administration of the federal Medicare program. IHCP hospice rates are, therefore, based on Medicare reimbursement rates and methodologies, adjusted to disregard offsets attributable to Medicare premium amounts. The rates are adjusted for regional differences in wages using indices published by HCFA.

The total *per diem* amounts reimbursed to an IHCP-enrolled hospice provider are calculated according to the IHCP recipient's hospice level of care **and** the recipient's location of care, that is:

- Routine home hospice care delivered in the private home (IHCP hospice *per diem* only)
- Routine home hospice care delivered in a nursing facility (IHCP hospice *per diem* plus room and board *per diem*)
- Continuous home hospice care delivered in a private home (IHCP hospice *per diem* only)
- Continuous home hospice care delivered in a nursing facility (IHCP hospice *per diem* plus room and board *per diem*)
- Respite care for private home recipients (IHCP hospice *per diem* only)
- Inpatient hospice care for private home recipients or nursing facility recipients (IHCP hospice *per diem* only), no additional room and board *per diem* is added for this service

## Payment of IHCP Hospice Claims at the New Hospice Rates

EDS loaded the new hospice rates into IndianaAIM on October 14, 1999. The new hospice rates are reflected on the following pages of this bulletin.

Further inquiries about the IHCP hospice benefits should be directed to EDS Customer Assistance Unit at (317) 655-3240 or 1-800-557-1278.

Table 1.1 – Hospice Wage Adjusted Rates Effective October 1, 1999

County Name	County Code	Routine Home Care	Continuous Home Care Full Rate 24HRs	Continuous Home Care Hourly Rate	Inpatient Respite Care	General
<b>Bloomington</b>						
Monroe	53	96.07	560.23	23.34	105.18	427.74
<b>Cincinnati</b>						
Dearborn	15	100.64	586.87	24.45	109.09	446.64
Ohio	58	100.64	586.87	24.45	109.09	446.64
<b>Elkhart-Goshen</b>						
Elkhart	20	98.54	574.60	23.94	107.29	437.94

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County Name	County Code	Routine Home Care	Continuous Home Care Full Rate 24HRs	Continuous Home Care Hourly Rate	Inpatient Respite Care	General
<b>Evansville</b>						
Posey	65	92.90	541.73	22.57	102.46	414.61
Vanderburgh	82	92.90	541.73	22.57	102.46	414.61
Warrick	87	92.90	541.73	22.57	102.46	414.61
<b>Fort Wayne</b>						
Adams	1	96.67	563.69	23.49	105.68	430.19
Allen	2	96.67	563.69	23.49	105.68	430.19
De Kalb	17	96.67	563.69	23.49	105.68	430.19
Huntington	35	96.67	563.69	23.49	105.68	430.19
Wells	90	96.67	563.69	23.49	105.68	430.19
Whitley	92	96.67	563.69	23.49	105.68	430.19
<b>Gary</b>						
Lake	45	99.48	580.12	24.17	108.10	441.85
Porter	64	99.48	580.12	24.17	108.10	441.85
<b>Indianapolis</b>						
Boone	6	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Hamilton	29	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Hancock	30	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Hendricks	32	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Johnson	41	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Madison	48	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Marion	49	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Morgan	55	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
Shelby	73	102.36	596.88	24.87	110.56	453.75
<b>Kokomo</b>						
Howard	34	98.32	573.33	23.89	107.10	437.04
Tipton	80	98.32	573.33	23.89	107.10	437.04
<b>Lafayette</b>						
Clinton	12	95.17	554.95	23.12	104.40	423.99
Tippecanoe	79	95.17	554.95	23.12	104.40	423.99

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County Name	County Code	Routine Home Care	Continuous Home Care Full Rate 24HRs	Continuous Home Care Hourly Rate	Inpatient Respite Care	General
<b>Louisville</b>						
Clark	10	97.00	565.63	23.57	105.97	431.57
Floyd	22	97.00	565.63	23.57	105.97	431.57
Harrison	31	97.00	565.63	23.57	105.97	431.57
Scott	72	97.00	565.63	23.57	105.97	431.57
<b>Muncie</b>						
Delaware	18	99.33	579.21	24.13	107.96	441.21
<b>South Bend</b>						
St. Joseph	71	102.56	598.07	24.92	110.73	454.59
<b>Terre Haute</b>						
Clay	11	96.26	561.30	23.39	105.33	428.50
Vermillion	83	96.26	561.30	23.39	105.33	428.50
Vigo	84	96.26	561.30	23.39	105.33	428.50
<b>Non-Urban Areas</b>						
Bartholomew	3	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Benton	4	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Blackford	5	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Brown	7	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Carroll	8	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Cass	9	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Crawford	13	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Daviess	14	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Decatur	16	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Dubois	19	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Fayette	21	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Fountain	23	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Franklin	24	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Fulton	25	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Gibson	26	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Grant	27	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Greene	28	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15

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County Name	County Code	Routine Home Care	Continuous Home Care Full Rate 24HRs	Continuous Home Care Hourly Rate	Inpatient Respite Care	General
Henry	33	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Jackson	36	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Jasper	37	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Jay	38	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Jefferson	39	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Jennings	40	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Knox	42	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Kosciusko	43	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Lagrange	44	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
La Porte	46	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Lawrence	47	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Marshall	50	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Martin	51	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Miami	52	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Montgomery	54	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Newton	56	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Noble	57	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Orange	59	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Owen	60	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Parke	61	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Perry	62	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Pike	63	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Pulaski	66	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Putnam	67	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Randolph	68	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Ripley	69	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Rush	70	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Spencer	74	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Starke	75	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Steuben	76	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Sullivan	77	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15

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Switzerland	78	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Union	81	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Wabash	85	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Warren	86	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Washington	88	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
Wayne	89	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15
White	91	91.83	535.46	22.31	101.54	410.15