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To: All Hospice Providers**Subject: Annual Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2007**

Overview

Each year on October 1, the Centers for Medicare and 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, 2007, to September 30, 2008:

- A brief explanation of the method of calculation used by Myers and Stauffer LC, the IHCP long-term care rate-setting contractor, to calculate IHCP hospice rates
- A brief summary of how EDS, the fiscal agent contractor, updated *IndianaAIM* to reflect the new hospice rates
- A table listing the new IHCP hospice rates, effective October 1, 2007, as prepared by Myers and Stauffer

Method of Calculation

The total hospice per diem amounts reimbursed to a hospice provider are calculated according to the member's level of care (LOC) and the member's location of care as listed below:

- Routine home hospice care delivered in a private home, hospice per diem only
- Routine home hospice care delivered in a nursing facility (NF), hospice per diem plus room and board per diem
- Continuous home hospice care delivered in a private home, hospice per diem only
- Continuous home hospice care delivered in an NF, hospice per diem plus room and board per diem
- Respite care for private home members, hospice per diem only
- Inpatient hospice care for private home members or NF members who elect hospice care. The IHCP reimburses the hospice provider for the hospice per diem. 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 for 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 would continue to be paid using the wage index of the city or county where the hospice is located. *IndianaAIM* pays claims consistent with the BBA of 1997.

Payment of Hospice Claims

The new hospice rates were loaded into IndianaAIM on October 25, 2007, with an effective date of October 1, 2007 and are listed in Table 2. There is no need for mass adjustments because the rates were loaded prior to November 1, 2007. The unweighted amounts for the hospice rates are noted in Table 1 for those hospice agencies whose software requires this information.

Table 1 – Unweighted Amounts for Hospice Rates

Level of Care	Unweighted Amount
Routine Home Care Rate	\$42.33
Continuous Home Care Rate	\$246.83
Inpatient Respite Care	\$67.48
General Inpatient Hospice Care	\$216.31

Hospice Rates Effective for Dates of Service On or After October 1, 2007

Table 2 – Hospice Wage Adjusted Rates Effective October 1, 2007

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	0.9260	128.40	748.74	31.20	141.22	572.55
Bloomington:							
Greene	28	0.9102	126.93	740.18	30.84	139.96	566.47
Monroe	53	0.9102	126.93	740.18	30.84	139.96	566.47
Owen	60	0.9102	126.93	740.18	30.84	139.96	566.47
Cincinnati:							
Dearborn	15	1.0241	137.52	801.91	33.41	149.03	610.29
Ohio	58	1.0241	137.52	801.91	33.41	149.03	610.29
Franklin	24	1.0241	137.52	801.91	33.41	149.03	610.29
Columbus:							
Bartholomew	3	0.9939	134.71	785.54	32.73	146.62	598.67
Elkhart-Goshen:							
Elkhart	20	1.0054	135.78	791.78	32.99	147.54	603.10
Evansville:							
Gibson	26	0.9676	132.27	771.29	32.14	144.53	588.56
Posey	65	0.9676	132.27	771.29	32.14	144.53	588.56
Vanderburgh	82	0.9676	132.27	771.29	32.14	144.53	588.56
Warrick	87	0.9676	132.27	771.29	32.14	144.53	588.56
Fort Wayne:							

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Allen	2	1.0152	136.69	797.09	33.21	148.32	606.87
Wells	90	1.0152	136.69	797.09	33.21	148.32	606.87
Whitley	92	1.0152	136.69	797.09	33.21	148.32	606.87
Gary:							
Lake	45	0.9956	134.87	786.47	32.77	146.76	599.33
Jasper	37	0.9956	134.87	786.47	32.77	146.76	599.33
Newton	56	0.9956	134.87	786.47	32.77	146.76	599.33
Porter	64	0.9956	134.87	786.47	32.77	146.76	599.33
Indianapolis:							
Boone	6	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Brown	7	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Hamilton	29	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Hancock	30	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Hendricks	32	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Johnson	41	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Marion	49	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Morgan	55	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Putnam	67	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Shelby	73	1.0555	140.44	818.93	34.12	151.53	622.37
Kokomo:							
Howard	34	1.0314	138.20	805.87	33.58	149.61	613.10
Tipton	80	1.0314	138.20	805.87	33.58	149.61	613.10
Lafayette:							
Benton	4	0.9526	130.87	763.16	31.80	143.34	582.78
Carroll	8	0.9526	130.87	763.16	31.80	143.34	582.78
Tippecanoe	79	0.9526	130.87	763.16	31.80	143.34	582.78
Louisville:							
Clark	10	0.9726	132.73	774.00	32.25	144.93	590.48
Floyd	22	0.9726	132.73	774.00	32.25	144.93	590.48
Harrison	31	0.9726	132.73	774.00	32.25	144.93	590.48
Washington	88	0.9726	132.73	774.00	32.25	144.93	590.48
Michigan City/LaPorte:							
La Porte	46	0.9726	132.73	774.00	32.25	144.93	590.48
Muncie:							
Delaware	18	0.9133	127.22	741.86	30.91	140.21	567.67
South Bend:							

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St. Joseph	71	1.0498	139.91	815.84	33.99	151.08	620.18
Terre Haute:							
Clay	11	0.9349	129.23	753.56	31.40	141.93	575.98
Sullivan	77	0.9349	129.23	753.56	31.40	141.93	575.98
Vermillion	83	0.9349	129.23	753.56	31.40	141.93	575.98
Vigo	84	0.9349	129.23	753.56	31.40	141.93	575.98
Nonurban Areas:							
Adams	1	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Blackford	5	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Cass	9	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Clinton	12	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Crawford	13	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Daviess	14	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
De Kalb	17	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Decatur	16	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Dubois	19	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Fayette	21	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Fountain	23	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Fulton	25	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Grant	27	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Henry	33	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Huntington	35	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Jackson	36	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Jay	38	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Jefferson	39	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Jennings	40	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Knox	42	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Kosciusko	43	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Lagrange	44	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Lawrence	47	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Marshall	50	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Martin	51	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Miami	52	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Montgomery	54	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Noble	57	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Orange	59	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67

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Parke	61	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Perry	62	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Pike	63	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Pulaski	66	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Randolph	68	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Ripley	69	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Rush	70	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Scott	72	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Spencer	74	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Starke	75	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Steuben	76	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Switzerland	78	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Union	81	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Wabash	85	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Warren	86	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
Wayne	89	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67
White	91	0.9107	126.98	740.45	30.85	140.00	566.67

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