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FSSA announces FFY 2019 hospice rates

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released new federal hospice rates for federal fiscal year 2019 (FFY 2019), effective for dates of service October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, inclusive. These rates are the basis for payments to Medicaid-enrolled hospice providers. Accordingly, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is providing information regarding Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) hospice rates for the same time period.



IHCP Hospice Rate Calculation

Reimbursement for IHCP hospice benefits is based on the methodology established by the CMS for the administration of the federal Medicare program. Additionally, IHCP rates include payment for any Medicare coinsurance amounts and are further adjusted for regional wage differences.

The total per diem amounts reimbursed to IHCP-enrolled providers are calculated according to the IHCP hospice member's level of care (LOC) as follows:

- 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 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.)

The service intensity add-on (SIA) payment is in addition to the routine home care per diem rate in both the private home and in the nursing facility. The SIA payment is equal to the continuous home care hourly rate multiplied by the hours of nursing or social work provided on the date of service (up to 4 hours total). The SIA payment is also adjusted for regional wage differences.

The hospice per diem rates for both routine and continuous home hospice LOC in the private home, as well as the SIA in the private home, are adjusted using the wage index for the city or county where the member resides. The hospice per diem rates for both routine and continuous hospice LOC in the nursing facility, as well as the SIA in the nursing facility, are adjusted using the wage index of the city or county where the hospice facility is located.

Section 3004 of the *Affordable Care Act (ACA)* amended the *Social Security Act* (the Act) to authorize a quality reporting program for hospice providers. *Section 1814(i)(5)(A)(i)* of the Act requires that the market basket update be reduced by 2 percentage points for any hospice provider that does not comply with the quality data reporting requirements, and that Medicare minimum rates be reduced by the amount of any penalty assessed for nonreporting. Medicaid agencies have the flexibility to pay more than the minimum rates reduced by the penalty. At its discretion, the FSSA does not intend to implement the reduced minimum rates imposed by the ACA during FFY 2019.

Federal per diem rates for hospice claims

The federal Medicaid hospice payment rates for care and services provided from October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, inclusive, are reflected on the following tables:

- Table 1 – Federal per diem rates for routine home care, continuous home care, inpatient respite care, and general inpatient care effective October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019
- Table 2 – Federal rates for SIA payments made in conjunction with routine home care effective October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019
- Table 3 – IHCP wage-adjusted rates for hospice benefits effective for dates of service October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, inclusive

Note that the daily or hourly rate on each table is the sum of the amount subject to wage index (the labor portion of the rate) plus the unweighted amount (the nonlabor portion of the rate). States must adjust the federal daily or hourly rate to reflect local geographical differences in wage levels. The wage-adjusted rates shown on Table 3 are computed by multiplying the federal “component subject to wage index” amount by the hospice wage index for the applicable geographic area, and adding the result to the federal “unweighted component” amount.

The IHCP will update CoreMMIS, the claim-processing system, with the new hospice rates by November 1, 2018, when providers begin billing for October service dates. It is anticipated that no mass adjustment of claims will be needed.

Table 1 – Federal per diem rates for routine home care, continuous home care, inpatient respite care, and general inpatient care, effective October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019

Level of care	Daily rate	Component subject to wage index	Unweighted component
Routine home care (days 1-60)	\$196.50	\$135.02	\$61.48
Routine home care (days 61+)	\$154.41	\$106.10	\$48.31
Continuous home care	\$997.77	\$685.57	\$312.20
Inpatient respite care	\$185.27	\$100.29	\$84.98
General inpatient care	\$758.07	\$485.24	\$272.83

Table 2 – Federal rates for service intensity add-on payments made in conjunction with routine home care, effective October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019

Level of care	Daily rate	Component subject to wage index	Unweighted component
Service intensity add-on	\$40.70	\$27.97	\$12.73

*Table 3 – IHCP wage-adjusted rates for hospice benefits,
effective for dates of service October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, inclusive*

County name	County code	Wage index ¹	Routine home care (days 1-60)	Routine home care (days 61+)	Routine home care service intensity add-on	Continuous home care full rate 24 hours	Continuous home care hourly rate ²	Inpatient respite care	General inpatient care
Urban Areas									
Bloomington:									
Monroe	53	0.8561	177.07	139.14	37.46	899.12	37.46	170.84	688.24
Owen	60	0.8561	177.07	139.14	37.46	899.12	37.46	170.84	688.24
Cincinnati:									
Dearborn	15	0.9528	190.13	149.40	40.22	965.41	40.23	180.54	735.17
Ohio	58	0.9528	190.13	149.40	40.22	965.41	40.23	180.54	735.17
Union	81	0.9528	190.13	149.40	40.22	965.41	40.23	180.54	735.17
Columbus:									
Bartholomew	3	1.0254	199.93	157.10	42.30	1015.18	42.30	187.82	770.40
Elkhart/ Goshen:									
Elkhart	20	0.9036	183.48	144.18	38.82	931.68	38.82	175.60	711.29
Evansville:									
Posey	65	0.8979	182.71	143.58	38.65	927.77	38.66	175.03	708.53
Vanderburgh	82	0.8979	182.71	143.58	38.65	927.77	38.66	175.03	708.53
Warrick	87	0.8979	182.71	143.58	38.65	927.77	38.66	175.03	708.53
Fort Wayne:									
Allen	2	0.8506	176.33	138.56	37.30	895.35	37.31	170.29	685.58
Wells	90	0.8506	176.33	138.56	37.30	895.35	37.31	170.29	685.58
Whitley	92	0.8506	176.33	138.56	37.30	895.35	37.31	170.29	685.58
Gary:									
Jasper	37	0.9618	191.34	150.36	40.48	971.58	40.48	181.44	739.53
Lake	45	0.9618	191.34	150.36	40.48	971.58	40.48	181.44	739.53
Newton	56	0.9618	191.34	150.36	40.48	971.58	40.48	181.44	739.53
Porter	64	0.9618	191.34	150.36	40.48	971.58	40.48	181.44	739.53
Indianapolis/ Carmel/ Anderson:									
Boone	6	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Brown	7	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Hamilton	29	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Hancock	30	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Hendricks	32	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Johnson	41	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Madison	48	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Marion	49	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Morgan	55	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Putnam	67	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Shelby	73	1.0150	198.53	156.00	42.00	1008.05	42.00	186.77	765.35
Kokomo:									
Howard	34	0.9386	188.21	147.90	39.82	955.68	39.82	179.11	728.28
Lafayette/ West Lafayette:									
Benton	4	0.9799	193.79	152.28	41.00	983.99	41.00	183.25	748.32
Carroll	8	0.9799	193.79	152.28	41.00	983.99	41.00	183.25	748.32
Tippecanoe	79	0.9799	193.79	152.28	41.00	983.99	41.00	183.25	748.32

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Louisville/Jefferson County:									
Clark	10	0.8689	178.80	140.50	37.82	907.89	37.83	172.12	694.46
Floyd	22	0.8689	178.80	140.50	37.82	907.89	37.83	172.12	694.46
Harrison	31	0.8689	178.80	140.50	37.82	907.89	37.83	172.12	694.46
Scott	72	0.8689	178.80	140.50	37.82	907.89	37.83	172.12	694.46
Washington	88	0.8689	178.80	140.50	37.82	907.89	37.83	172.12	694.46
Michigan City/La Porte:									
La Porte	46	0.9485	189.55	148.95	40.10	962.46	40.10	180.11	733.08
Muncie:									
Delaware	18	1.0067	197.40	155.12	41.76	1002.36	41.77	185.94	761.32
South Bend/Mishawaka:									
St. Joseph	71	0.9185	185.50	145.76	39.24	941.90	39.25	177.10	718.52
Terre Haute:									
Clay	11	0.9558	190.53	149.72	40.31	967.47	40.31	180.84	736.62
Sullivan	77	0.9558	190.53	149.72	40.31	967.47	40.31	180.84	736.62
Vermillion	83	0.9558	190.53	149.72	40.31	967.47	40.31	180.84	736.62
Vigo	84	0.9558	190.53	149.72	40.31	967.47	40.31	180.84	736.62
Nonurban Areas:									
Adams	1	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Blackford	5	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Cass	9	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Clinton	12	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Crawford	13	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Daviess	14	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
De Kalb	17	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Decatur	16	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Dubois	19	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Fayette	21	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Fountain	23	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Franklin	24	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Fulton	25	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Gibson	26	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Grant	27	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Greene	28	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Henry	33	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Huntington	35	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Jackson	36	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Jay	38	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Jefferson	39	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Jennings	40	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Knox	42	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Kosciusko	43	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
LaGrange	44	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Lawrence	47	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Marshall	50	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Martin	51	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29

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Nonurban Areas (Continued):									
Miami	52	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Montgomery	54	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Noble	57	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Orange	59	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Parke	61	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Perry	62	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Pike	63	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Pulaski	66	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Randolph	68	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Ripley	69	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Rush	70	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Spencer	74	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Starke	75	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Steuben	76	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Switzerland	78	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Tipton	80	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Wabash	85	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Warren	86	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
Wayne	89	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29
White	91	0.8088	170.68	134.12	36.11	866.69	36.11	166.09	665.29

¹ The Hospice Wage Index was published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2018. States adjust the wage component of the daily hospice payment rates to reflect geographical differences in the wage levels.

² The continuous home care hourly rate, as adjusted, is used to calculate the SLA payment amount.

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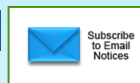
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