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December 24, 2020

Ms. Clarissa M. Rodriguez
Chair
New York State Workers' Compensation Board
328 State Street, Suite 2
Schenectady, New York 12305

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

The Office of Health Insurance Programs has calculated rates of reimbursement for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for acute per case inpatient rates, exempt hospitals, exempt units and detoxification inpatient rates. These rates have been calculated for services rendered to patients covered under the Workers' Compensation Law, the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law, the Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit, and the Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Insurance Reparations Act.

Pursuant to section 2807(4) of the Public Health Law, I hereby certify to you that the rates appearing on the enclosed schedules have been developed in accordance with section 2807-c of the Public Health Law, as amended by the Health Care Reform Act, and Part 86-1 of the Title 10 (Health) of the Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Donna Frescatore
Medicaid Director
Office of Health Insurance Programs

Enclosure(s)



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Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Enclosed please find the certification letter and schedules of hospital reimbursement rates for services rendered to patients covered under the Workers' Compensation Benefit Law, the Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Law and the Comprehensive Motor Vehicle Reparation Act. These rates are for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 for acute per case inpatient rates, exempt hospitals, exempt units and detoxification inpatient rates. Rates of payment for these services for these payers is to be based upon rates determined for state governmental agencies (Medicaid) in accordance with Article 2807-c (6-1) of the Public Health Law.

For discharges beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the Service Intensity Weights (SIWs), cost thresholds and average length of stay (ALOS) effective July 1, 2018 should continue to be used for payment purposes with the 3M All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRGs) grouper version 34.

The rates on the attached schedules are based upon the same methodology and data used in the rates effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, but also take into consideration the following updates:

1. Inclusion of 2020 budgeted capital as reported by hospitals and calculated in accordance with Section 8 of Article 2807-c of the Public Health Law.
2. The inclusion of a 2020 trend factor of 2.4% based upon the initial Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Congressional Budget Office and as required by Section 10 of Article 2807-c of the Public Health Law.
3. Adjustments to the acute, specialty hospital and critical access hospital rates, where applicable, as a result of Article 19 of the NYS Labor Law that established new minimum wage increases beginning January 1, 2020.
4. Increase in the statewide base price component of the psychiatric exempt rate from \$642.66 to \$676.21 as a result of recent approval of State Plan Amendment 18-0066 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

5. Rate appeals for Brooks Memorial Hospital / TLC Health Network, Long Island Jewish Medical Center/ Franklin Hospital/ Forest Hills Hospital, Arnot Ogden Medical Center / St Joseph's of Elmira, University Hospital – Stony Brook / Eastern Long Island Hospital, and NYU Langone / NYU Winthrop Hospitals to reflect merged acute rates.
6. Eastern Niagara Hospital – adjustment to acute rates to remove the Graduate Medical Education components due to closure of their teaching program.
7. Various new teaching hospital rate appeals to adjust the Graduation Medical Education components of their acute rates as part of the 5-year ramp up in their teaching programs.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Janet Baggetta at 518-473-1438 or via email at HospFFSunit@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Ogborn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Ogborn
Director, Medicaid Chief Financial Officer
Division of Finance and Rate Setting
Office of Health Insurance Programs