

Notice of MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology Change

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services

AFFECTED SERVICES: Chapter 101, MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 45, Chapter III, Hospital Services

NATURE OF PROPOSED CHANGES: The Department plans to decrease the supplemental pool payments for Non-Critical Access hospitals, Rehabilitation Hospitals, and hospitals classified to a wage area outside of Maine by the Medicare Geographic Classification Review Board (as defined in MBM, Section 45). The Department also plans to increase the Rehabilitation Hospital per discharge rate.

The total pool shall equal \$71,380,072. Up to \$60,000,000 will be allocated to outpatient services, and up to \$60,000,000 will be allocated to inpatient services, not to exceed the total supplemental pool amount and not to exceed allowable aggregate upper payment limits.

The Medicaid per discharge reimbursement rate provided to rehabilitation hospitals is increasing from \$12,440.44 to \$15,161.43.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES: All changes are pursuant to P.L. 2018, ch. 41, *Resolve, Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement for Rehabilitation Hospitals*.

ESTIMATE OF ANY EXPECTED INCREASE OR DECREASE IN ANNUAL AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES: The Department anticipates that this change will be cost neutral in Federal Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

ACCESS TO PROPOSED CHANGES AND COMMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGES: The public may review the proposed methodology changes and written comments at any Maine DHHS office in every Maine county. To find out where the Maine DHHS offices are located, call 1-800-452-1926. The Department will hold a hearing for the proposed rulemaking and will be publishing a notice which includes information on the hearing date and location.

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See <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/index.shtml> for rules and related rulemaking documents.