



Date: June 21, 2023

To: Nursing Facility (NF)

Subject: Information Letter No. 2023-24 Nursing Facility (NF) Temporary Add-on Rates Effective June 10, 2023, to August 31, 2023

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved the temporary add-on rates for NFs in accordance with Senate Bill 30, Section 3.10, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. Senate Bill 30, Section 3.10 provides for temporary add-on rates of \$19.63 for each Resource Utilization Group, Version 3 (RUG-III) category.

The temporary add-on rates are subject to federal approval, which requires a public notice and state plan amendment. The public notice has to be issued at least one day prior to the effective date of the rate action to comply with public notice requirements in 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 447.205(d), concerning Public notice of changes in Statewide methods and standards for setting payment rates. The enrolled version of Senate Bill 30 was published on May 25th. HHSC proceeded with the submission of the required Public Notice in the next available Texas Register publication date on June 9, 2023. Therefore, the earliest effective date for the temporary rate add-on is June 10, 2023. The State Plan amendment will be submitted by June 30, 2023, in accordance with 42 CFR 430.12, concerning the Submittal of State plans and plan amendments.

All Medicaid rates are also required to have a public hearing in accordance with 1 Texas Administrative Code (1 TAC) section 355.105(g). HHSC proposed the temporary rate add-ons through our regular public hearing process on June 13, 2023.

The adopted temporary rate add-on of \$19.63/day is effective June 10, 2023, through August 31, 2023. The rates are posted on the [Provider Finance Department \(PFD\) webpage](#). Adopted temporary add-on rates will be applied to all non-state government owned NFs, including NF pediatric class.

Hospice Room and Board rates for recipients in an NF are equal to 95 percent of the statewide average rate, including enhancements and temporary add-ons, which the State would have paid for NF services for individuals in each RUG-III category.

Claims Submission

Providers must split claim details for June 2023 to avoid any claims rejections with rates not found. For example, the provider must bill in two details:

- Detail 1: June 1, 2023, to June 9, 2023
- Detail 2: June 10, 2023, to June 30, 2023

Resources

Please contact the HHSC PFD, Long-term Services and Supports Center for Information and Training at PFD-LTSS@hhs.texas.gov or (737) 867-7817 if you have questions regarding the rates or this letter.

Sincerely,

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