

Hospice FY2017 PROPOSED Wage Index, Payment Update and Quality Reporting Rule



FY2017 Hospice Rule Payment Update -- PROPOSED

	Proposed
Hospital market basket	2.8 percent
Productivity adjustment	0.5
Add'l ACA reduction	0.3
Net market basket	2.0 percent (does NOT reflect impact of wage index changes)

FY2017 Hospice Rule Payment Rates -- PROPOSED

Code/Description	FY2016 Rate	Proposed FY2017 Rate
651/Routine Home Care days 1 - 60	\$ 186.84	\$190.41
651/Routine Home Care days 61+	\$ 146.83	\$149.68
Rates NOT adjusted for wage index or failure to meet HQR requirements		

FY2017 Hospice Rule

Payment Rates -- PROPOSED

Code/Description	FY2016 Rate	Proposed FY 2017 Rate
652 -- Continuous Home Care (hourly rate for SIA)	\$944.79 (\$39.37/hr.)	\$963.69 (\$40.16/hr.)
655 -- Inpatient Respite	\$167.45	\$170.80
656 -- General Inpatient Care	\$720.11	\$734.22
Rates are not adjust for wage index or failure to meet HQR requirements		

INPATIENT CAP ACCOUNTING YEAR TRANSITION

2016 CAP Year – days of care Nov. 1, 2015 – Oct. 31, 2016

2017 CAP Year – days of care Nov. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017

2018 CAP Year – days of care Oct. 1, 2016 – Sept. 30, 2017

AGGREGATE CAP ACCOUNTING YEAR TRANSITION

	Streamlined		Patient-by-patient (Proportional)	
	Patients	Payments	Patients	Payments
2016	9/28/15- 9/27/16	11/1/15- 10/31/16	11/1/15- 10/31/16	11/1/15- 10/31/16
2017	9/28/16- 9/30/17	11/1/16- 9/30/17	11/1/16- 9/30/17	11/1/16- 9/30/17
2018	10/1/17- 9/30/18	10/1/17- 9/30/18	10/1/17- 9/30/18	10/1/17- 9/30/18

Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP)

- Two New Measures – collection starts April 1, 2017:
 - **HIS Composite Measure** – 7 scores
 - **Measure “PAIR”** – Hospice Visits when death is Imminent (data extracted and entered onto HIS)
 - Patients receiving at least 1 visit from RN, MD, NP, PA in final 3 days of life
 - Patients receiving at least 2 visits from MSW, chaplain, spiritual counselor, LPN, or hospice aide in last 7 days of life

Hospice Quality Reporting Program (HQRP)

- Hospice “COMPARE” and public reporting – Summer 2017
- **CMS considering expansion of HIS as assessment instrument** – would NOT replace Initial and Comprehensive Assessments
- **Hospice demographic data** – Summer 2016
- **Hospices meeting HQRP requirements** – published list late Summer 2016
- **STAR ratings??** – usu. one year post public reporting

Other Takeaways

- **CMS continues to monitor utilization trends** for program integrity and potential future payment changes
- **CMS monitoring impact of payment changes**
- **New movement toward reference to Hospice as post-acute provider???**