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TO: Hospice Providers

RE: Hospice Rates for Federal Year 2017

Effective October 1, 2016, rates for hospice services have been adjusted to be consistent with Section 1902(a) (13)(B) of the Social Security Act. The new rates can be found on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site at www.ctdssmap.com. From the Home page select "Provider", "Provider Fee Schedule Download", click on "I Accept", then "Hospice". To access the CSV file press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

Paid claims where the detailed billed amount is greater than the new allowed amount will be retroactively adjusted in a future rate mass adjustment. Rate mass adjustments occur in the second financial cycle of each month in the **month following a rate update. Providers are encouraged** to bill their usual and customary charge when submitting Hospice claims to ensure the systematic reprocessing of their claims whenever a rate change occurs.

In accordance to section 3004 of the Affordable Care Act, the amended 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 submission requirements. Reimbursement rates based on the reduced market basket update will affect payments for dates of service October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

Hospice providers that have been designated as "non-compliant" with the federal reporting requirements will be notified by a letter from the Department. This letter will also provide more information about the rate mass adjustment, including when it is scheduled to occur.

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