



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services**

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Nursing Facility Providers

RE: Rescission of Nursing Facility Services Rate Increment

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is announcing the rescission of the \$20 per-patient-per-day increase in rates for Nursing Home Services for nonpublic facilities. BMS is also announcing the rescission of the temporary reduction of assigned occupancy rate of 70 percent and the return to the original 90 percent for determinations of allowable costs per patient.

Previously, due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, BMS had implemented the increase in service rates and reduction in occupancy rates. The increase in rates for Nursing Facility Services for nonpublic facilities was retroactive to February 1, 2020. The reduction of assigned occupancy rate was retroactive to March 1, 2020.

Effective May 1, 2022, BMS will return to the assigned occupancy rate of 90 percent for determinations of allowable costs per patient. In addition, as of May 1, 2022, BMS will no longer pay the \$20 per-patient-per-day increment in rates. Claims submitted with a date of service on or after May 1, 2022, will not be paid or processed with this increment. No action is required on the providers' part.

BMS appreciates your continued dedication and efforts in assisting West Virginia's most vulnerable populations during this national crisis. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).