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To: All Hospice Providers

From: Leslie M. Clement, Administrator

Subject: Hospice Rates

Due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009, elimination of the budget neutrality adjustment factor in the calculation of the hospice wage index, the department has been instructed to recalculate our hospice rates in order to use the revised wage indices.

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2008, Medicaid has revised its hospice rates as follows:

<u>Revenue Code/Description</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Urban Ada/Canyon County</u>
651 – Routine Care	\$125.02	\$140.85
652 – Continuous Care	\$729.65	\$822.10
655 – Respite Care	\$132.60	\$145.51
656 – General Inpatient Care	\$560.68	\$626.33

We will perform automated system adjustments to claims that have been paid with dates of service on or after October 1, 2008. The underpayments resulting from the adjustments will be paid to providers. No additional action from providers is required, but we wanted you to be aware of this activity, which will be reflected on remittance advices as the adjustments are worked through the system. Providers should expect to see each of these claims with a new version number on a future remittance advice.

The hospice cap will be \$22,386.15. If you have any questions, please contact the senior financial specialist in the Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1817.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

LMC/rs