



## Department of Health

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Dear Administrator:

We are transmitting for your review the calculation of your hospital's **initial** inpatient acute, exempt hospital and exempt unit reimbursement rates for Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS), Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) and Workers Compensation/No-Fault (WCNF), which are effective January 1, 2021. These rates have been promulgated in accordance with Article 2807-c and, for the acute rates, Article 2807-c (35)(c). The MMC rates provided are informational only and were calculated based on the approved FFS rates.

The January 1, 2021 Medicaid FFS rates have been approved by the New York State Division of the Budget (Budget) and have been transmitted to eMedNY for payment and retroactive claims processing in cycle #2284. For those hospitals eligible for lump sum transformation payments, payment information for the eligible periods will be forthcoming once available.

These rates are based upon the same information and methodology as the inpatient rates effective April 2, 2020 but take into consideration the updates provided in the Attachment to this letter.

### **Appeals:**

With the exception of the 2021 budgeted capital and minimum wage updates, all data associated with these rates was previously subjected to the appeal process. Therefore, only appeals related to budgeted capital, minimum wage or mathematical errors by the Department will be accepted for this rate period.

Part 86-1.32 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations sets forth the rules governing appeals, which does not include issues regarding methodology. In filing an appeal, a facility must provide the following:

- a. A cover letter signed by the Operator or Chief Executive Officer of the hospital containing a summary of the item(s) of appeal.
- b. Supporting schedules or any other pertinent data is to be included with the facility's appeal letter.
- c. All rate appeals and supporting documentation pertaining to items revised in this publication of inpatient rates for services for Title XIX (Medicaid) beneficiaries should be submitted to the Bureau of Hospital and Clinic Rate Setting and **must be received by this office no later than July 20, 2021**. Due to bureau staff working remotely, it is requested that providers submit a copy of their appeal request via email to [HospFFSunit@health.ny.gov](mailto:HospFFSunit@health.ny.gov). Given that many

hospital staff may also be working remotely, the Department is **not requiring that the original signed appeal request letter be physically mailed.**

Where possible, original appeal letters may be mailed to:

*Ms. Janet Baggetta  
Director  
Bureau of Hospital and Clinic Rate Setting  
One Commerce Plaza, Room 1432  
99 Washington Ave  
Albany, New York 12210*

Should you have any questions regarding the above information, please send an email to the hospital rate-setting unit at [HospFFSunit@health.ny.gov](mailto:HospFFSunit@health.ny.gov) and either Monique Grimm or Tami Berdi will respond.

Sincerely,

Janet Baggetta  
Director  
Bureau of Hospital and Clinic Rate Setting