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**To: IHCP-Enrolled Hospice Providers****Subject: Correction: Annual Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2009**

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## Overview

This is a corrected version of this bulletin that includes a revised Table 3 showing counties that were inadvertently omitted in the original bulletin.

## General

Each year on October 1, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) releases new hospice rates to state Medicaid agencies for Medicaid-enrolled hospice providers. The new hospice rates are based on the *Corrected Annual Change in Medicaid Hospice Payment Rates*, published by CMS September 25, 2009, and the *Hospice Wage Index*, published by CMS August 6, 2009. For Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) hospice rates effective October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010, this bulletin provides the following:

- A brief explanation of the method of calculation used by Myers and Stauffer, LC, the IHCP long-term care contractor, about the new IHCP hospice rates.
- A list of the new IHCP hospice rates effective October 1, 2009, as prepared by Myers and Stauffer.

## Method of Calculation

- Reimbursement for the IHCP hospice benefit follows the methodology and level established by the CMS for the administration of the federal Medicare program. Therefore, the IHCP hospice rates, based on Medicare reimbursement rates and methodology, are adjusted to disregard offsets resulting from Medicare premium amounts. The rates are adjusted in wages using listings from the CMS.
- The total *per diem* amounts reimbursed to IHCP-enrolled providers are calculated according to IHCP hospice members' levels of care (LOC). Hospice providers are reimbursed at one of the hospice LOCs. Table 1 shows how a member's hospice LOC is covered in the following situations:

Table 1 – Hospice Level-of-Care Coverage

Hospice LOC	Coverage
Routine home hospice LOC in the private home	IHCP hospice <i>per diem</i> only
Routine home hospice LOC in the nursing home	IHCP hospice <i>per diem</i> plus room and board <i>per diem</i>
Continuous home hospice LOC in the private home	IHCP hospice <i>per diem</i> only
Continuous home hospice LOC in the nursing home	IHCP hospice <i>per diem</i> plus room and board <i>per diem</i>
Inpatient respite care for private home members or nursing facility members	IHCP hospice <i>per diem</i> only. There is no additional room and board <i>per diem</i> for this service.
General inpatient care for private home members or nursing facility members	IHCP hospice <i>per diem</i> only. There is no additional room and board <i>per diem</i> for this service

Hospice providers are reminded that the *Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997* changed the reimbursement methodology so that the hospice *per diem* for routine and continuous home hospice LOC is paid using the wage index listing of the city or county where the member resides. The BBA of 1997 specified that when a hospice bills for inpatient hospice care, the hospice rate continues to be paid using the wage index listing of the city or county where the hospice is located. IndianaAIM pays IHCP hospice claims consistent with the BBA of 1997.

## Payment of Hospice Claims

The unweighted amounts for the hospice rates are noted in Table 2 for hospice agencies whose software requires that information.

Table 2 – Unweighted Amounts for Hospice Rates

Level of Care	Unweighted Amount
Routine Home Care	\$ 44.77
Continuous Home Care	\$ 261.09
Inpatient Respite Care	\$ 71.38
General Inpatient Care	\$ 228.80

The rates will be in the system December 14, 2009, and will be effective for claims with dates of service on or after October 1, 2009. Claims previously paid at the prior rate will be systematically mass adjusted and should appear on the Remittance Advice statement the week of December 22, 2009.

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## Medicaid Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2009

Table 3 shows hospice wage adjusted rates effective October 1, 2009.

Table 3 – Hospice Wage Adjusted Rates (Corrected by CMS September 25, 2009)  
 Effective October 1, 2009

County Name	County Code	Wage Index	Routine Home Care	Continuous Home Care – Full Rate – 24 Hours	Continuous Home Care – Hourly Rate	Inpatient Respite Care	General Inpatient Care
<b>Anderson</b>							
Madison	48	0.9247	\$135.70	\$791.26	\$32.97	\$149.27	\$605.10
<b>Bloomington</b>							
Greene	28	0.9478	\$137.97	\$804.50	\$33.52	\$151.21	\$614.50
Monroe	53	0.9478	\$137.97	\$804.50	\$33.52	\$151.21	\$614.50
Owen	60	0.9478	\$137.97	\$804.50	\$33.52	\$151.21	\$614.50
<b>Cincinnati</b>							
Dearborn	15	1.0226	\$145.32	\$847.39	\$35.31	\$157.51	\$644.94
Ohio	58	1.0226	\$145.32	\$847.39	\$35.31	\$157.51	\$644.94
Franklin	24	1.0226	\$145.32	\$847.39	\$35.31	\$157.51	\$644.94
<b>Columbus</b>							
Bartholomew	3	1.0280	\$145.85	\$850.48	\$35.44	\$157.97	\$647.13
<b>Elkhart-Goshen</b>							
Elkhart	20	1.0100	\$144.08	\$840.16	\$35.01	\$156.45	\$639.81
<b>Evansville</b>							
Gibson	26	0.9173	\$134.97	\$787.01	\$32.79	\$148.64	\$602.09

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Posey	65	0.9173	\$134.97	\$787.01	\$32.79	\$148.64	\$602.09
Vanderburgh	82	0.9173	\$134.97	\$787.01	\$32.79	\$148.64	\$602.09
Warrick	87	0.9173	\$134.97	\$787.01	\$32.79	\$148.64	\$602.09
<b>Fort Wayne</b>							
Allen	2	0.9686	\$140.01	\$816.43	\$34.02	\$152.97	\$622.96
Wells	90	0.9686	\$140.01	\$816.43	\$34.02	\$152.97	\$622.96
Whitley	92	0.9686	\$140.01	\$816.43	\$34.02	\$152.97	\$622.96
<b>Gary</b>							
Lake	45	0.9764	\$140.78	\$820.90	\$34.20	\$153.62	\$626.14
Jasper	37	0.9764	\$140.78	\$820.90	\$34.20	\$153.62	\$626.14
Newton	56	0.9764	\$140.78	\$820.90	\$34.20	\$153.62	\$626.14
Porter	64	0.9764	\$140.78	\$820.90	\$34.20	\$153.62	\$626.14
<b>Indianapolis</b>							
Boone	6	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Brown	7	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Hamilton	29	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Hancock	30	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Hendricks	32	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Johnson	41	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Marion	49	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42

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Morgan	55	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Putnam	67	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
Shelby	73	1.0459	\$147.61	\$860.75	\$35.86	\$159.48	\$654.42
<b>Kokomo</b>							
Howard	34	0.9869	\$141.81	\$826.92	\$34.45	\$154.51	\$630.41
Tipton	80	0.9869	\$141.81	\$826.92	\$34.45	\$154.51	\$630.41
<b>Lafayette</b>							
Benton	4	0.9734	\$140.48	\$819.18	\$34.13	\$153.37	\$624.92
Carroll	8	0.9734	\$140.48	\$819.18	\$34.13	\$153.37	\$624.92
Tippecanoe	79	0.9734	\$140.48	\$819.18	\$34.13	\$153.37	\$624.92
<b>Louisville</b>							
Clark	10	0.9763	\$140.77	\$820.84	\$34.20	\$153.61	\$626.10
Floyd	22	0.9763	\$140.77	\$820.84	\$34.20	\$153.61	\$626.10
Harrison	31	0.9763	\$140.77	\$820.84	\$34.20	\$153.61	\$626.10
Washington	88	0.9763	\$140.77	\$820.84	\$34.20	\$153.61	\$626.10
<b>Michigan City/LaPorte</b>							
La Porte	46	0.9668	\$139.84	\$815.40	\$33.97	\$152.81	\$622.23
<b>Muncie</b>							
Delaware	18	0.8961	\$132.88	\$774.86	\$32.29	\$146.86	\$593.46

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<b>South Bend</b>							
St. Joseph	71	1.0304	\$146.09	\$851.86	\$35.49	\$158.17	\$648.11
<b>Terre Haute</b>							
Clay	11	0.9590	\$139.07	\$810.92	\$33.79	\$152.16	\$619.06
Sullivan	77	0.9590	\$139.07	\$810.92	\$33.79	\$152.16	\$619.06
Vermillion	83	0.9590	\$139.07	\$810.92	\$33.79	\$152.16	\$619.06
Vigo	84	0.9590	\$139.07	\$810.92	\$33.79	\$152.16	\$619.06
<b>Nonurban Areas</b>							
Adams	1	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Blackford	5	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Cass	9	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Clinton	12	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Crawford	13	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Daviess	14	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
De Kalb	17	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Decatur	16	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Dubois	19	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Fayette	21	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Fountain	23	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77

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Fulton	25	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Grant	27	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Henry	33	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Huntington	35	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Jackson	36	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Jay	38	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Jefferson	39	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Jennings	40	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Knox	42	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Kosciusko	43	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Lagrange	44	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Lawrence	47	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Marshall	50	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Martin	51	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Miami	52	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Montgomery	54	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Noble	57	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Orange	59	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Parke	61	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Perry	62	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77

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Pike	63	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Pulaski	66	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Randolph	68	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Ripley	69	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Rush	70	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Scott	72	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Spencer	74	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Starke	75	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Steuben	76	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Switzerland	78	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Union	81	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Wabash	85	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Warren	86	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
Wayne	89	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77
White	91	0.8944	\$132.72	\$773.89	\$32.25	\$146.72	\$592.77

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