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2009 Medicaid Nursing Home Rates to Be Issued Soon

ABSTRACT: Update on status of 2009 Medicaid rates for nursing homes.

The initial 2009 Medicaid rates for nursing homes, due to be released yesterday, November 17th, have not been issued by the Department of Health (DOH) and are unlikely to be released before the end of this week. The statewide associations met with DOH on November 18th to review the rate calculations in detail and collaboratively address some last minute technical issues before final rate issuance. DOH has assured us that they will keep us informed on a daily basis as to the progress on these issues.

Once the rates are ready for issuance, they will be posted on the Health Provider Network and accompanied by a Dear Administrator Letter (DAL), a rate calculation reference and other documentation. Shortly thereafter, DOH and the Joint Association Task Force will host a Webinar for facilities that will go through the rate calculations in detail. The DAL will include information on the Webinar. A separate DAL will be issued in the near future on the transition from the PRI to the MDS for rate-setting purposes.

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