

Change in Nursing Home Cash Receipts Assessment

The current nursing home cash receipts assessments stands at 7.2 percent, comprised of the original Medicaid reimbursable 6% and the non-reimbursable 1.2% added as part of last year's budget negotiations. The 1.2% is further broken down between the 0.8% negotiated with the State in lieu of a 2% across the board (ATB) rate reduction and the 0.4% used to partially fund the rebasing mitigation payments.

Under current mandate, the 0.4% is slated to go down to 0.2% effective 4/1/2012. Therefore, the total cash receipts assessment amount will go down to 7.0%. The remainder of the 0.4% is scheduled to be eliminated effective 11/1/ 2012, bringing the total assessment to 6.8%.

The remaining non-reimbursable 0.8% is tied to the legislation mandating the 2% ATB cut that sunsets as of March 31, 2013. We anticipate, therefore, that the 0.8% should sunset along with the rate cut.

Providers should note these dates along with the 30-day regulatory notice requirement in those cases where the assessment tax is being charged to private pays.

Providers also need to be cautious regarding the current state budget negotiations, which could have further impact on these cash receipt assessment amounts.

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