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Update on Nursing Home Medicaid Rates

ABSTRACT: 2009-10 nursing home rates delayed.

DOH previously reported that the 4/1/09 and initial 1/1/10 Medicaid rates would be published on or about December 7th. Due to unforeseen complications, issuance of these rates has been delayed. DOH told NYAHSA late yesterday that they are finalizing their reviews of the rate calculations for accuracy.

As previously noted, the rate packet will be available for download via the Health Provider Network (HPN) once providers are notified. Although DOH cannot provide a firm date, the logistics of doing so would suggest that this Friday would be the earliest date that the rates could be issued. Before they can be paid, the 4/1/09 rates must be approved by CMS and undergo the state's typical process. This suggests actual payments during the first quarter of 2010. NYAHSA will continue to advocate aggressively for payment of these rates as soon as possible.

Both sets of rates will reflect the 2002 base year methodology using a Medicaid-only case-mix index. A statewide cap on additional funding of \$210 million over the 2008 level of funding will be applied to these rates.

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