Assisted Living Billing Guideline

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This document is for reference purposes only. This is not intended to be a comprehensive billing handbook, but rather to answer the most asked questions from the Assisted Living industry.

Certified Medicaid Assisted Living providers care for Medicaid eligible beneficiaries. Each person residing in a Certified Medicaid Assisted Living setting has been assigned a tier level based on their care needs. Each Assisted Living building has been certified to provide Tier A, and/or B, and/or C level of service.

The Assisted Living claims processing procedure includes:

- Electronically billing as an 837 Professional Waiver or the paper Waiver claim form
- Assisted Living services are billed as a daily per diem
- Billing is done monthly with the units representing the numbers of days the client was in the building
- Procedure Code T2031 is for basic assisted living services also referred to as Tier A
- Procedure Code T2031 plus the modifier UB is for Tier B assisted living services provided to Tier B designated beneficiaries
- Procedure Code T2031 plus the modifier UC is for Tier C assisted living services provided to Tier C designated beneficiaries
- Diagnosis should be the clinical diagnosis from the physician or providers can use Z742 – Need for assistance at home and no other household member able to render care
- Clients must be on either the RI Housing Waiver or the DEA Assisted Living Waiver to be eligible

Reimbursement Rates

Note: Historically the rate was $69.00 per day effective 10/1/2018 – 10/31/2021. Prior to 10/1/18, the rate was $42.16

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- Tier A is $78.00 per day
- Buildings Certified to be Tier B providers, can be bill for providing Tier B services to Tier B designated beneficiaries using the UB modifier for a reimbursement rate of $113.00 per day
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- Buildings Certified to be Tier C providers, can be bill for providing Tier C services to Tier C designated beneficiaries using the UC modifier for a reimbursement rate of $136.00 per day

Example of Medicaid Recipient in the RI Housing Waiver: