

Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services Virks Building, 3 West Road, Cranston, RI 02920

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Dear Provider:

The State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) appreciates your commitment to the care of Rhode Island Medicaid Program beneficiaries, as we work together to complete the October 2024 rebasing of Rhode Island nursing facility rates and start to transition from the Resource Utilization Group (RUG-IV) payment methodology to the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM).

In conjunction with our work to examine direct, indirect, and other direct care rates for RI nursing facilities, EOHHS is also reviewing the process for updates to the fair rental value (FRV) component of nursing facility rates. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws section 40-8-19 and in accordance with the Medicaid State Plan, EOHHS has the flexibility to determine the nature of the rate process. Therefore, given the comprehensive analysis that is required during any active rate review year, no adjustments to FRV calculations will be implemented during a rate review or rebasing year. Requests already in progress will be completed and future requests will be paused until October 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

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