

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**6/28/2019 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID
STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Hospice Services

EOHHS is seeking federal authority to revert reimbursement rates for hospice providers for room and board expenses in a skilled nursing facility to the rate methodology in effect on June 30, 2018. This change would result in a reduction in annual expenditures of approximately \$5.3 million all funds. The proposed effective date of this amendment is July 1, 2019.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-6348 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by July 29, 2019 to Maria Petrillo, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Maria.Petrillo@ohhs.ri.gov.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services does not discriminate against individuals based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religious belief, political belief, or handicap in acceptance for or provision of services or employment in its programs or activities.

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Items on the basis of the current prevailing rate at which the item is generally available to the public in the State of Rhode Island.

(4) Eyeglasses prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of eyeglasses. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of April 1993 for frames and March 2009 for lenses and is effective for services provided on or after those dates. All rates are published at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Fee%20Schedules/Medicaid%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>

- m. Nurse midwife services: except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of nurse mid-wife services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of 2000 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Fee%20Schedules/Medicaid%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>
- n. Hospice services: the minimum Medicaid Hospice rates are set prospectively by CMS based on the methodology used in setting Medicare Hospice rates, which are adjusted to disregard the cost offset attributable to Medicare coinsurance amounts. Effective July 1, 2018, EOHHS will apply a 20% increase to the minimum Medicaid Hospice rate for hospice services. Annually thereafter, EOHHS will ensure that the Medicaid Hospice rates do not fall below the minimum rate set by CMS. Effective July 1, 2019, the rate for Hospice providers for room and board expenses in a skilled nursing facility shall not exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the rate paid for non-hospice care in a skilled nursing facility and will not be subject to annual adjustments.

Rates and fees, set as of July 1, 2019 and effective for services provided on or after that date, can be found by accessing the agency's website at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Fee%20Schedules/Medicaid%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>. Additionally, effective July 1, 2019, and each July 1 thereafter, the base rates for Hospice services will be increased by the New England Consumer Price Index card as determined by the United States Department of Labor for medical care. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedules and rates are the same for both governmental and private providers.

- p. Home and community-based services: except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of home and community-based services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2018 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ProviderManualsGuidelines/MedicaidProviderManual/HomeandCommunityBasedServices.aspx>
- q. Rehabilitative services: except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of rehabilitative services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of February 2012 and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Fee%20Schedules/Medicaid%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>.
- r. Case management services: except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of case management services. The

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agency's fee schedule rate was set under the specific program that case management operates in a specific instance and is effective for services provided on or after those dates. All rates are published at

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/Fee%20Schedules/Medicaid%20Fee%20Schedule.pdf>.

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