



COMMISSIONER  
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To: Medicaid Hospice Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 10-136  
Medicaid Hospice Rates Effective October 1, 2010

Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) approved rate changes for the Medicaid Hospice Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2011 based on information provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The new rates, which were effective October 1, 2010, can be accessed at: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/programs/rad/long-term-svcs/hospice/downloads/2011-hospice-payment-rates.pdf>. The county where the hospice recipient received services is the basis for determining the appropriate rate. The new rates at the web address shown above are listed by county. In addition, HHSC has approved the hospice cap amount, \$23,874.98, for the cap year ending October 31, 2010.

Providers should continue to bill the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) using their normal billing process. Providers are encouraged to bill electronically. Since the electronic payment system has been updated with the new rates, a retroactive adjustment will occur allowing the new rate for claims beginning October 1, 2010; therefore, no additional action is required by individual providers.

Medicaid Hospice forms and instructions, information letters, and policy clarifications may be accessed at <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/communications/index.cfm>. If you have questions regarding billing and payments for hospice services, please call TMHP at 1-800-626-4117 and select option 1.

Sincerely,

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