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To: Nursing Facility Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 08-170 - Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)
Supplemental Reimbursement for Ventilators and Tracheostomies

The purpose of this information letter is to remind Nursing Facilities about the reimbursement rules at Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 15, Chapter 355, §355.307(b)(3)(F) and(G) which can be located at:

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=1&pt=15&ch=355&rl=307](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=1&pt=15&ch=355&rl=307)

This rule states that qualifying ventilator-dependent residents and qualifying children with tracheostomies requiring daily care may receive a supplement to the per diem rate. Children with qualifying conditions as specified in these rules may receive only one of the supplemental reimbursements.

Ventilator and tracheostomy add-ons (Service Codes 4 and 24) are mutually exclusive and children with tracheostomies who are also ventilator-dependent are not eligible to receive both supplemental reimbursements.

Qualifying ventilator-dependent residents may receive a supplement to the per diem rate as specified in subparagraph (E) of the rule.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Geri Willems at 512-438-3159 or by e-mail at geri.willems@dads.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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