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Subject: Important Information regarding Hospice Rates and Revenue Codes

Presbyterian Health Plan, Inc. and Presbyterian Insurance Company, Inc. (Presbyterian) are committed to keeping providers informed about information that may affect their practice. We would like to take this opportunity to discuss hospice rates and revenue codes.

In October 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published hospice rates for 2017 that indicated hospice providers will be paid at two different daily rates. One daily rate applies to the first 60 days of a hospice election and is referred to as a “high rate.” The second daily rate, referred to as a “low rate,” applies to days after the initial 60 days of a hospice election, regardless of whether the member switches to another managed care organization (MCO).

Providers should continue to use the current revenue code 0651 for hospice routine home care services to bill high and low rate routine home care days. In addition, providers are required to bill HCPCS codes Q5001 through Q5010 and HCPCS codes T2042 through T2046 on the UB04 medical form along with the revenue code 0651. The HCPCS code will depend on where the hospice services are provided or upon which most appropriately describes the services provided.

Claims for hospice care require providers to include the admission date. When the encounter is 60 days or less, then the higher rate will be paid. When the encounter on the claim is greater than 60 days from the admission date on the claim, then the lower rate will be paid. Providers should submit one claim for hospice care that accounts for less than 60 days and a separate claim for care that extends more than 60 days. Providers do not need to resubmit hospice claims for 2017. Additional communication will follow if any adjustments are required.

If you have any questions, please use the information on the back of this page to contact your Provider Network Management relationship executive. Thank you for partnering with us to improve the health of the patients, members and communities we serve.

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