



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform Providers and Case Management Agencies of temporary rate increases in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF-IID). The service, corresponding rate increase, and any additional requirements to receive the increase will be found below.

Please Note: It is the Department's expectation that during this critical period, providers use these enhanced and additional funds to ensure Direct Care Workers continue to serve Colorado's most vulnerable populations at the risk of their own health.

Additionally, all providers must continue to modify their operations to follow the most recent guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), the [Colorado Department](#)

[of Public Health and Environment \(CDPHE\)](#) and the [President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America](#).

Information:

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) has received approval to temporarily increase rates for Nursing Facilities and ICF-IIDs in response to the COVID-19 illness and the resultant increased risk and cost to these providers in serving members.

Per [MSB-20-04-21-A](#) and Governor's Executive Order [D-2020-054](#), the Department will implement a temporary rate increase of 8% for Nursing Facilities and ICF-IID.

For ICF-IID, the 8% increase will be added to the per diem rate for each ICF-IID provider.

This increased payment is to support compliance with all State emergency guidance and reporting aimed at ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of facility residents. Providers that do not recognize and comply with infection control requirements may be at risk for recoupment of the enhanced payment. Payments will be calculated based historical Medicaid utilization.

These rate changes go into effect on April 1, 2020 and will go through June 30, 2020. However, the Department may adjust rates back to the original rate at its discretion.

Billing instructions:

Nursing Facilities: Nursing Facilities will not need to resubmit claims or adjust their billing practices to receive the supplemental payments.

ICF-IID: The Department will complete a transmittal to add the increase to existing per diem payments. To receive the increased funding, the provider must manually edit the claim, or void the previous claims and resubmit a new claim. Going forward, ICF-IID providers should continue to bill as normal.

ICF-IIDs and Nursing Facilities - Cost Reporting: These funds are solely for the purpose for increasing measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect residents. The increased funding must be reported as an offset against emergency expenses on applicable cost reports.

Providers are encouraged to monitor the [CDC website](#) for information and resources and contact their [local health department](#) when needed. The Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance on infection control and prevention for Nursing Facilities and ICF-IID. The Department requires all providers to follow this guidance. The formal guidance can be found on CMS' website [here](#).

Questions regarding this guidance can be sent to HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us.

Attachment(s):

None

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Department COVID-19 Webpage:

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/COVID>