



## OPERATIONAL MEMO

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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform nursing facility providers how the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) will identify eligible admissions and calculate the hospital discharge enhanced payment.

### **Information:**

House Bill (HB) 22-1247 authorized \$2.4 million to be made available to nursing facility providers working to admit Medicaid members from hospitals, the Department of Corrections, and Medicaid members with complex needs for whom it is difficult to find an accepting facility as deemed by the Department. The Department will use admission date starting May 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022 to calculate these payments.

Eligible Admissions between May 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022 will include:

1. Individuals receiving Medicaid coverage prior to discharge from a hospital, regardless of Medicare Part A coverage and have a nursing facility stay of at least 60 days.

2. Individuals whose Medicaid coverage begins the day of admission to a nursing facility and are not eligible for Medicare Part A nursing facility coverage and have a nursing facility stay of at least 60 days.
3. Individuals whose eligibility for Medicare Part A nursing facility coverage begins upon admission to a nursing facility, subsequently transition to Medicaid as the primary payor before discharge and have a nursing facility stay of at least 60 days.
4. All individuals released from the Department of Corrections to a nursing facility with Medicaid as the payor.
5. Any other individual authorized by the Department who has been otherwise unable to find an accepting facility.

### Payment Calculations

The Department will collect admission data from interChange claims, the Department of Corrections, and additional sources as necessary to determine the total number of admissions eligible for payment. Admissions from the Department of Corrections and individuals authorized by the Department as otherwise unable to find an accepting facility will be increased by a multiplier so that they are paid a higher amount compared to other admissions.

Upon finalizing this data all funds will be distributed based on each facility's share of total eligible admissions between May 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

### Data Validation

The Department will send a letter to all eligible nursing facilities with the data used in the calculation 30 days prior to payment. Nursing facilities will have the opportunity to review the data and respond to the letter with any discrepancies through an informal appeals process that will be defined in the letter.

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