



MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties

From: Christine Goetz
Audit Supervisor

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Date: November 4, 2016

Subject: Medicaid Swing Bed Rate for Calendar Year 2017

Swing beds are acute care beds used for nursing facility care as the need arises. The swing bed rate is calculated in accordance with the methodology established in 7 AAC 150.160(i).

The methodology for determining payments is based on the state-wide average long term care rate paid by Medicaid for the previous calendar year. The 2016 swing bed rate was \$638.76. The 2017 swing bed rate is established at \$730.06.

A breakdown of the rate is shown below.

SWING BED RATE SUMMARY

Component	2016	2017	% Change
Non-Capital	\$550.06	\$631.69	14.8%
Capital	88.70	98.37	10.9%
TOTAL	\$638.76	\$730.06	14.3%

The above figures are based on the best available data.

cc: Lori Campbell, Divisions Operations Manager, HCS
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