PUBLIC NOTICE

Wyoming Department of Health Supplemental Payments for Nursing Home Facilities

Public notice is hereby given that effective April 1, 2011, the Wyoming Department of Health (Department) intends to make the following changes to the Wyoming Medicaid State Plan within the Nursing Facility methodology section.

Upon CMS approval, the proposed changes update Attachment 4.19D, Wyoming Nursing Home Reimbursement System, with regard to the supplemental payments on or after its effective date. The supplemental payments are intended to be used to improve access to health care. The payments made to these facilities will be based on the aggregate difference in the actual amount paid by the Medicaid program and the amount that would have been paid under Medicare payment principles.

The supplemental payments shall not be subject to rules governing payments to nursing home facilities found in Chapter 7 of the Wyoming Medicaid rules. Further, they shall not exceed the Medicaid upper payment limits (UPL). The Medicaid UPL analysis will be performed prior to making the supplemental payments.

The federal fiscal impact associated with this amendment is estimated to be an increase of \$4.0 million to Nursing Facilities through the provider assessment payment for the second half of the current federal fiscal year.

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