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MEMORANDUM

To: Hospice Administrators

From: Marc A. Blowe, Chief
Division of Community Long Term Care Services

Subject: Corrected Maryland Medicaid Hospice Program Rates for Fiscal Year 2010

Date: October 13, 2009

Enclosed is a copy of Maryland Medicaid's fiscal year 2010 hospice rates that are effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. The payment rates and wage index used to calculate Maryland's regional rates released in a Memorandum dated September 11, 2009 from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been corrected. The CMS correction for the Medicaid hospice payment rates was posted in a Memorandum dated September 25, 2009. The wage index utilized to adjust the Medicaid payment rates was published in the Federal Register on August 6, 2009. Please distribute the attached corrected Maryland's regional rate chart to the staff in your organization responsible for billing Maryland Medicaid for hospice services provided to Medicaid recipients.

If you have any questions, please call the Division of Community Long Term Care Services at (410) 767-1444 or 1-877-4MD-DHMH extension 1444. You may visit the CMS website at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/hospice.asp> to obtain supporting documentation regarding the annual change in Medicaid Hospice payment rates.

Enclosure
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