

**February 12, 2013**

## **DOH Releases Payment Policies and Survey for Hurricane Sandy**

DOH has released the following messages and corresponding attachments as part of the process for completing Hurricane Sandy Medicaid payments to impacted facilities. The DALs and policies are available on our Web site by clicking on the links below. Please be reminded that the reconciliation survey is due back to DOH by **February 25, 2013**.

DOH has revised their payment policies so that receiving and sending facilities are both able to bill and receive payment for the first 5 days of the evacuation at a regional rate. From day 6 through day 30, DOH has reversed their policy and is making payment to the receiving facility only, at that facility's regular Medicaid rate. The basis for this payment will be the reconciliation survey. Therefore, it is critical for impacted facilities to complete and return the survey. DOH will also be identifying where negotiated payments between two facilities may have already occurred and need to be taken into consideration (see section II.5 of the Medicaid Billing Policies document).

Some of this process is still subject to further work group discussions and refinement by DOH. As the work group continues to meet we will be reviewing detailed billing scenarios that may not be adequately addressed under the current policies. Please share with us any ongoing concerns so that we can raise these issues with DOH. As always, LeadingAge NY continues to advocate for immediate cash flow relief for our impacted providers.

Please see attachments for copies of the Survey Reconciliation in both *2007 Excel™* or *1997-2003 Excel™* formats.

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### **DOH DALs and Policies**

[Hurricane Sandy DAL Dated February 6, 2013](#)

[Hurricane Sandy NYS Medicaid Billing Policies](#)

[Hurricane Sandy Reconciliation Survey DAL Dated February 7, 2013](#)

### **DOH Notice from February 6, 2013**

Dear Providers

A number of questions were raised by providers and trade associations regarding the billing procedures for the Hurricane Sandy Emergency that were previously distributed December 21, 2013. Please read the attached letter and billing guidance carefully as a number of the policies have been revised or refined.

Should you have any questions, please contact the following as appropriate:

Hospitals should send questions to [bpacr@health.state.ny.us](mailto:bpacr@health.state.ny.us)

Nursing Homes should send questions to [nfrates@health.state.ny.us](mailto:nfrates@health.state.ny.us)

Thank you very much and we look forward to continued communications regarding related issues in the near future.

### **DOH Notice from February 7, 2013**

Dear Providers

Attached please find a cover letter and Hurricane Sandy Reconciliation Survey to be completed by both sending and receiving facilities affected by that emergency. If you did not send or receive patients during the emergency, do not complete the survey. Please be sure to share this email with the appropriate contact at your facility.

The survey is provided below in a 2007 excel format(.xlsx); if your computer is not capable of running that Microsoft version, a lower version, the 1997-2003 .xls format has also been provided. Please remember to save and name the file using the seven digit operating certificate number of the submitting facility.

As mentioned in the Dear Provider letter dated February 6, 2013 (attached), the reconciliation survey will be due by February 25, 2013. The completed survey should be sent electronically to our bureau mail address:  
[bpacr@health.state.ny.us](mailto:bpacr@health.state.ny.us)

If you have any questions or require assistance, you can either email your questions to the [bpacr@health.state.ny.us](mailto:bpacr@health.state.ny.us) address or call and ask for Haseeb Agha or myself at 518-474-3352.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation with this endeavor.