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Commissioner

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HEALTH

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

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**RE: Episodic Payment System for Certified
Home Health Agencies - Updated Wage Index
Factors and Revenue Code Rates**

Dear Administrator:

In accordance with Section 3614.13 of the Public Health Law, the Episodic Payment System is scheduled to take effect April 1, 2012 for all Certified Home Health Agency patients age 18 and older.


On January 9, 2012, the Department provided detailed Billing Guidelines for the Episodic Payment System, together with preliminary regional Wage Index Factors and preliminary weighted average statewide rates to be associated with the Revenue Codes which will be utilized in the calculation of Low Utilization Payment Amounts and Outlier Payments.

The wage factors and average rates have now been finalized and are included as attachments to this letter. Wage factors are based on the most recent available Occupational Employment Statistics and utilization data from certified CHHA cost reports for 2010. Weighted average rates are based on the latest approved rates for CHHAs.

Questions regarding the Episodic Payment System may be submitted to the following email address:

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Sincerely,



Robert J. Loftus

Director

Bureau of Long Term Care Reimbursement

Attachments

Wage Index Factors for Episodic Payment System

Certified Home Health Agencies

Effective April 1, 2012

Region	Wage Index Factor	Counties
Capital	0.911944	Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren, Washington
Central New York	1.002872	Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego
Finger Lakes	1.093141	Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates
Hudson Valley	1.125693	Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester
Long Island	1.078872	Nassau, Suffolk
Mohawk Valley	0.955006	Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie
New York City	0.991433	Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, Richmond
North Country	0.955610	Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence
Southern Tier	0.866871	Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins
Western New York	0.903208	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara

Regional wage factors are based on the Occupational Employment Statistics survey, as reported by the New York State Department of Labor as of January 25, 2012. Wage factors for the five occupational groups applicable to Certified Home Health Agencies are weighted according to Medicaid utilization reported in the CHHA certified cost reports for 2010.

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**Statewide Weighted Average Rates
Associated with CHHA Revenue Codes**

Effective April 1, 2012

**These rates will be used to determine "Total Service Price"
for LUPA and Outlier calculations**

Revenue Code	Service Description	Weighted Average Rate
0551	Nursing - Visit	\$102.15
0421	Physical Therapy - Visit	\$113.89
0441	Speech Pathology - Visit	\$112.83
0431	Occupational Therapy - Visit	\$108.67
0572	Home Health Aide - Hour	\$17.92
0579	Shared Aide - Quarter Hour	\$4.48
0559	AIDS Nursing - Visit	\$102.15
0780	Telehealth Services - Day	\$9.52
0590	Telehealth - Installation	\$50.00
0581	MOMS Health Supportive Services - Visit	\$77.88