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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1346

DATE: January 30, 2014
TO: Home Health Agencies/Home Health Services Program
ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)
RE: LUPA Reimbursement – Re-pricing Paid Claims
EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The Low Utilization Payment Adjustment (LUPA) reimbursement methodology for the Home Health Services (HHS) program was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with an effective date of July 1, 2013.

The LUPA reimbursement applies to the following services included in the HHS program:

- Skilled Nursing
- Home Health Aide
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Services

The LUPA rate schedule, previously included with [Informational Letter 1256¹](#) and [Informational Letter 1328²](#), is the basis for your agency's re-pricing. Follow the link to the [Iowa Health Home Services \(HHS\) Low Utilization Payment Adjustment \(LUPA\) Wage Indexes and Rates³](#) to access this rate schedule. Please note the correct revenue codes to be billed for the HHS services on this rate schedule.

The re-pricing process for all paid claims eligible for reimbursement for the period July 1, 2013, through January 31, 2014, will begin February 2014. The claims re-pricing process will continue until all of the eligible paid claims have been processed. Your remittance advice will identify your LUPA adjustment amount.

If you have any questions, please send an email to LUPA@dhs.state.ia.us. You may also contact the IME Provider Services Unit at (800) 338-7909, locally in the Des Moines area at (515) 256-4609, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/1256%20LUPA%20Reimbursement%20Methodology.pdf

² [www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/1328%20CMS%20Approval%20of%20Low%20Utilization%20Payment%20\(LUPA\)%20Methodology.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/1328%20CMS%20Approval%20of%20Low%20Utilization%20Payment%20(LUPA)%20Methodology.pdf)

³ www.dhs.state.ia.us/uploads/1256%20Supplement%20-%20Iowa%20HHA%20LUPA%20Wage%20Indexes%20and%20Rates.pdf