



LUPA FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do I need to include the county number in which my home health agency is located in order to bill for Home Health Services (HHS) LUPA reimbursement?

No, you do not. The Iowa Medicaid payment system will be programmed to identify the county in which your agency is located. The system will then match your location to the correct LUPA reimbursement for the HHS service you provided. You, also, will not need to designate if your home health agency office is located in an urban or a nonurban (rural) CMS geographical area.

How will HHS agencies that are located out of state be reimbursed?

If your home health agency borders one of the counties in an Iowa metropolitan statistical area, your Home Health Services rates will be the same as the bordering county. If not, your rates will be those listed in the Nonurban section of the chart.

What will the HHS rates be for a home health agency located in a rural county?

All HHS agencies located in rural areas will be reimbursed at the rates listed in the Nonurban category on the chart. These rates are as follows:

Home Health Aide -	\$45.08/visit
Medical Social Services -	\$159.57/visit
Occupational Therapy -	\$109.58/visit
Physical Therapy -	\$108.84/visit
Skilled Nursing -	\$99.44/visit
Speech Therapy -	\$118.27/visit

What revenue codes will be used to bill LUPA visits?

The following revenue codes are the only revenue codes that will be reimbursable for the services provided under the Home Health Services program:

Home Health Aide -	551
Medical Social Services -	561
Occupational Therapy -	431
Physical Therapy -	421
Skilled Nursing -	551
Speech Therapy -	441

Do the LUPA rates, also, apply to the EPSDT Private Duty Nursing/Personal Cares (PDN/PC) program?

No, the hours prior-authorized through the PDN/PC program follow a different reimbursement methodology. Please contact Sally Nadolsky, PDN/PC Program Manager, for further information (snadols@dhs.state.ia.us or 515-256-4649).

How would a home health agency that has several branch offices determine what LUPA rates to bill?

If your home health agency has one NPI number, the rate assigned to where the main office is located will be the reimbursement rate for your main agency as well as your branch agencies.

If your home health agency has multiple locations and each location has a separate NPI number, the LUPA reimbursement will be the rate assigned to the county location.