

Public Notice

Public Comment Period for State Plan Amendment IA-19-009: Home Health Low Utilization Payment Amount (LUPA) Rebase

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Pursuant to the requirements outlined in 42 CFR 447.205 and 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, notice is hereby given that the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has posted for public comment Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-009.

This SPA proposes to update methods and standards for Home Health Low Utilization Payment Amount (LUPA) under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Summary

Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2019, DHS proposes to amend the Home Health LUPA rates by:

- Updating the LUPA base rate amounts based on the calendar year (CY) 2019 Medicare amounts with state geographic wage adjustments.
- Applying a 14.80% budget neutrality factor in the calculation of the July 1, 2019 Medicaid LUPA rates.

DHS is proposing the above changes in order to determine Medicaid reimbursement rates based upon the most recent Medicare rates and to ensure that Home Health expenditures remain within budgeted amounts in accordance with House File (HF) 766.

Fiscal Impact

No impact.

Public Review and Comments

This notice and a copy of SPA 19-009 is posted on the DHS website at the following link: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/LUPA>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be available for review at each local DHS office.

Written comments may be sent to Jennifer Steenblock, Federal Compliance Officer, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 611 Fifth Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309 or may be emailed to jsteenb@dhs.state.ia.us. Please indicate SPA 19-009 in the subject line of the email. Written and e-mailed comments must be received within 30 days from the publication date of this notice.

All comments must be received by July 29, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

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