

GUAM PAYMENT FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES

I. Payment Rates

1) Guam Hospitals

(a) Medicaid will pay all Guam inpatient hospital services that are covered by the Medicaid Program lowest of the following:

- i) The hospital's own Medicare interim rate in effect;
- ii) A negotiated rate that does not exceed 150% of the lowest Medicare interim rate for on-island hospitals;
- iii) The hospital's billed charges.

2) Off-Island Hospitals

(a) For Hawaii hospitals, Medicaid will pay based on the individual hospital's Medicare Interim rate for the service, reimbursable on a claims basis.

(b) For California hospitals, Medicaid will pay based on the individual hospital's Medicare Interim rate for the service, reimbursable on a claims basis.

(c) All other hospitals, Medicaid will pay based on the individual hospital's Medicare Interim rate for the service, reimbursable on a claims basis.

(d) For services that cannot be provided by a provider that accepts payments under (a) through (c), Medicaid will pay based on the Charged Master w/discount of 45 to 55% or at negotiated rates that will not exceed the provider's customary charge.

3) The Medicare Interim Rate is Medicare's annually computed interim payment rate, based on the hospital's latest available cost report, which estimates as closely as possible the Medicare actual reimbursable inpatient hospital cost for the service period.

4) Administrative Days. Reimbursement for patients receiving services at a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) level of care in an acute bed under conditions similar to those described in Section 1861 (v)(1)(G) of the Social Security Act will be at the same rate paid for SNF services provided to patients in GMH's SNF. The methodology and standards used to determine these rates are described under 4.19 Attachment D of this State Plan.

II. Upper Payment Limits

The rates Guam Medicaid negotiates will not exceed either what Medicare would have paid for those Medicaid services or the cost of those Medicaid services under Medicare cost principles.

III. Appeals Procedures

Hospitals may appeal to address errors in rate setting and rate payments.

IV. Public Process

The State/Territory has in place a public process which complies with the requirements of Section 1902(a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act.