LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES
Hospice Reimbursement

TAKE NOTICE that the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for amendments to the New Jersey Medicaid (Title XIX) State Plan, in order to clarify the State Plan to reflect that New Jersey Medicaid fee-for-service hospice services are reimbursed as follows. New Jersey pays the Medicaid Hospice rates developed annually by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and also applies the "appropriate local hospice wage index" for the four categories or levels of care provided (routine home care, continuous home care, inpatient respite care, and general inpatient care). The "appropriate local hospice wage index" is published annually in the Federal Register and is effective October 1 through September 30 of each year.

The fee schedule is published on the Department's fiscal agent's website at https://www.njmmis.com under "rate and code information."

DMAHS does not anticipate any increased costs as a result of this amendment.

This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Federal law and regulations, specifically 42 CFR 447.205 and 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13). A copy of this Notice is available for public review at the Medical Assistance Customer Centers, County Welfare Agencies, and the Department's website at:

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/providers/grants/public/index.html.

Comments or inquiries must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date of this notice to:

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