DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Reasonable Charges for Inpatient MS–DRGs and SNF Medical Services; v3.22, Fiscal Year 2018 Update

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document updates the acute inpatient and the skilled nursing facility (SNF)/sub-acute inpatient facility charges. The updated charges are based on the 2018 Medicare severity diagnosis related groups (MS–DRG).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 17.101 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sets forth the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical regulations concerning “Reasonable Charges” for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran: For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract; for a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance. The methodologies for

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establishing billed amounts for several types of charges are found in 38 CFR 17.101; however, this notice will only address the acute inpatient and the SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility charges.

Based on the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(b), this notice updates the acute inpatient facility charges that were based on the 2017 MS–DRGs. Acute inpatient facility charges by MS–DRGs are posted on the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Community Care’s Web site, at www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue_ops/payer_rates.asp, under the “Reasonable Charges Data Tables” section, Inpatient Data Table, as Table A (v3.19). This Table A corresponds to the Table A referenced in 81 FR 62977, September 13, 2016. Table A referenced in this notice is v3.22, which provides an update to the all-inclusive nationwide SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge and will replace Table B posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s Web site.

The charges in this notice for acute inpatient and SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility services are effective October 1, 2017.

This notice is retaining the table designations used for acute inpatient facility charges by MS–DRGs, which is posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s Web site under “Reasonable Charges Data Tables.” This notice is also retaining the table designation used for SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, which is also posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s Web site. Accordingly, the tables identified as being updated by this notice correspond to the applicable tables referenced in 81 FR 62977, September 13, 2016.

The list of data sources presented in Supplementary Table 1 (v3.22) reflects the updated data sources used to establish the updated charges described in this notice, and will be posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s Web site under the “Reasonable Charges Data Sources” section.

The list of VA medical facility locations is also updated. In Supplementary Table 3, posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s Web site under the VA Medical Facility Locations section, VA set forth the list of VA medical facility locations, which includes the first three digits of their zip codes and provider-based/non-provider-based designations.

Consistent with VA’s regulations, the updated data tables and supplementary tables containing the changes described in this notice will be posted on the VHA Office of Community Care’s Web site, under the “Payer Rates and Charges” information section.

Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on September 19, 2017, for publication.


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