

Program Memorandum Intermediaries

Department of Health and
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HEALTH CARE FINANCING
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CHANGE REQUEST 1590

SUBJECT: Indian Health Service Hospital Payment Rates for Calendar Years 2000 and 2001.

The purpose of this Program Memorandum (PM) is to inform the Blue Cross of Texas, Trailblazers, that HCFA has completed its review of the cost reports submitted by the Indian Health Service (IHS) for fiscal years 2000 and 2001. The cost reports submitted by IHS are for the purpose of calculating the Medicare reimbursement rates for IHS hospitals in Alaska and the lower 48 States for calendar years 2000 and 2001. These rates have been approved for payment by the Office of Management and Budget and were published in the *Federal Register*. Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, was informed of the rate changes for the year 2000 in August and has updated those from the 1999 rates. However, your office was unable to make retroactive payments for the change in the outpatient rate, ancillary Part B, and swing bed rates without formal authorization. This PM is to inform Trailblazer Health Enterprises, LLC, of the rates and to authorize any retroactive payments as a result of the rate changes, for not only the 2000 calendar year but also the 2001 calendar year as well.

<u>Lower 48 States</u>	FY 2000	FY 2001
Medicare Inpatient Ancillary Part B	\$686	\$751
Medicare Outpatient Per Visit Rate	\$144	\$157

Alaska

Medicare Inpatient Ancillary Part B	\$940	\$997
Medicare Outpatient Per Visit Rate	\$317	\$334

Swing Bed Rates FY 2000

Region 1	\$155.91	Region 5	\$116.31
Region 2	\$146.41	Region 6	\$123.62
Region 3	\$138.03	Region 7	\$121.82
Region 4	\$132.30	Region 8	\$137.60
		Region 9	\$151.08

Swing Bed Rates FY 2001

Region 1	\$165.81	Region 5	\$124.34
Region 2	\$153.93	Region 6	\$132.40
Region 3	\$142.61	Region 7	\$121.62
Region 4	\$140.19	Region 8	\$145.20
		Region 9	\$157.51

The effective date for this PM is January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2001 respectively.

The implementation date for this PM is March 22, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.

This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2001.

If you have any questions, contact Tom Talbott at (410) 786-4592.