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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: WV Medicaid Providers

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Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Swing Bed Use During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Period

Effective September 21, 2020, WV Medicaid will begin reimbursing enrolled hospitals for the use of Medicare Certified Swing Beds at a rate of \$238.00 per diem in order to facilitate acute care hospital discharges and permit new admissions due to COVID-19 related increased need during the public health emergency declaration.

The level of care for a Medicaid patient transferred to a swing bed must be Nursing Home level. Medicare billing instructions should also be used which classifies by bill type.