



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services**

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Cabinet Secretary

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Commissioner

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Nursing Facility Providers

RE: Amended Nursing Facility Services Rate Clarification

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) has decided to not change the occupancy percentage rate, based on stakeholder comments.

Therefore, effective May 1, 2022, BMS will continue the occupancy rate of seventy percent (70%) for determinations of allowable costs per patient.

In addition, as of May 1, 2022, BMS will no longer pay the \$20 per-patient-per-day increment in rates. Claims submitted with a date of service on or after May 1, 2022, will not be paid or processed with this increment. No action is required on the providers' part.

BMS appreciates your continued dedication and efforts in assisting West Virginia's most vulnerable Medicaid populations during this national crisis. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).