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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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COVID-19: Interim Rate Request Threshold Change

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) recognizes the impact that the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is having on Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) providers. This alert gives guidance related to the threshold to be eligible for an Interim Reimbursement Rate.

The Agency is allowing ICF/IIDs to request a change to their current reimbursement rates based on increased costs related to COVID-19. The current requirement to qualify for an interim rate adjustment is a 10% or more change in the provider's current per diem rate. The Agency is allowing for a temporary change in this threshold. Requests for interim rate changes reflecting increased costs occurring as a result of resident care, administration changes, or capital replacement will be considered if the change in cost to the provider is at least \$5,000 and would cause a change of one percent or more in the provider's current total per diem rate.

The provider must submit documentation to support the request including a listing of expenses before and after the state of emergency, and the detailed costs that have increased through a budgeted cost report. The computations should demonstrate that costs are at least \$5,000 and the current per diems increase at least one percent. Please submit the request and documentation to Rydell Samuel at Rydell.Samuel@AHCA.myflorida.com.

We appreciate the critical service you provide to some of the state's most vulnerable individuals. Please be aware that federal and state guidance related to COVID-19 is updated continuously. The Agency will communicate updates as quickly as possible.

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