

**Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Policy Transmittal 15-14**  
**Nursing Facility Rates and Nursing Facility Retroactive Rate Adjustments**  
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**Accessing Published Medicaid Nursing Facility Rates**

Managed care plans serving Long-term Care enrollees must pay nursing facilities no less than the amount of the most recently published Medicaid nursing facility rate for the appropriate rate period, established by the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency). The rate changes are available on the Agency's Web site <http://ahca.myflorida.com/>. To navigate to published nursing facility rate information: select Medicaid, select Medicaid Finance and Analytics, select Medicaid Program Finance, select Nursing Home and Audit Services, and then select Nursing Homes.

[http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Finance/finance/nh\\_rates/nursing\\_home/index.shtml](http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/Finance/finance/nh_rates/nursing_home/index.shtml)

**Medicaid Nursing Facility Rate Adjustments and Retroactive Rate Adjustments**

The Agency adjusts Medicaid nursing facility rates throughout the year for two reasons.

1. The Agency adjusts all Medicaid nursing facility rates every rate semester.
  - Historically Medicaid has had two nursing facility rate semesters; the Agency has adjusted all Medicaid nursing facility rates with an effective date of January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The Agency is making a change; beginning in 2015, the Agency will adjust all Medicaid nursing facility rates once a year with an effective date of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. The Agency may periodically calculate retroactive adjustments to an individual provider's Medicaid nursing facility rates.
  - The Agency calculates retroactive Medicaid nursing facility rate adjustments due to submissions of revised nursing facility cost reports, audits, changes of ownership, etc.
  - The Agency publishes all retroactive Medicaid nursing facility rate adjustments once a month.

**Medicaid Nursing Facility Retroactive Rate Adjustments**

Effective April 15, 2015, the plan is now responsible for settling with the nursing facility providers for retroactive changes to nursing facility payment rates. The plan shall make the appropriate adjustment for any nursing facility claims the plan had previously paid. The Agency will continue to settle fee-for-service claims and claims paid prior to managed care enrollment. The plan should make adjustments only for rates published after April 15, 2015. When the Agency adjusts claims due to changes in Medicaid nursing facility rates and the change results in an:

- Overpayment, the managed care plan will settle directly with the nursing facility for the recoupment of the difference between previously paid rates and the newly published rates, or
- Underpayment, the managed care plan will issue a payment to the nursing facility for the difference between the previously paid rates and the newly published rates. The plan shall make these payments to the provider within sixty (60) days of the adjusted rates being published.

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The managed care plan must routinely check the Agency's Web site for newly published Medicaid nursing facility rates and Medicaid nursing facility retroactive rate adjustments. The Managed Care Plan must adjust nursing facility claims that are paid prior to the publication date of a new Medicaid nursing facility rate or retroactive nursing facility rate adjustment, to ensure the providers are being paid at a minimum the Agency published rate.

When nursing facilities adjust claims to correct billing errors such as incorrect dates of service or an inappropriate patient status code, the managed care plan is to process the claims using the most recently published nursing facility rate.