

§967. Children's Specialty Hospitals

A. Routine Pediatric Inpatient Services. These services shall be paid at the lesser of cost or the target rate per discharge ceiling. The base period target rate per discharge ceiling amount shall be calculated using the allowable inpatient cost per discharge per the cost reporting period ended in state fiscal year (SFY) 2009. The target rate shall be inflated using the update factors published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) beginning with cost reporting periods starting on or after January 1, 2010.

1. For dates of service on or after September 1, 2009, payment shall be the lesser of the allowable inpatient costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges for the period multiplied times the target rate per discharge for the period.

B. Inpatient Psychiatric Services. These services shall be paid at the lesser of cost or the target rate per discharge ceiling. The base period target rate per discharge ceiling amount shall be calculated using the allowable inpatient cost per discharge per the cost reporting period ended in state fiscal year (SFY) 2009. The target rate shall be inflated using the update factors published by CMS beginning with cost reporting periods starting on or after January 1, 2010.

1. For dates of service on or after September 1, 2009, payment shall be the lesser of the allowable inpatient costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges for the period multiplied times the target rate per discharge for the period.

C. Carve-Out Specialty Services. These services are rendered by neonatal intensive care units, pediatric intensive care units, burn units and include transplants. Payment shall be the lesser of costs or the per diem limitation for each specialty service or type of transplant. The base period per diem limitation amounts shall be calculated using the allowable inpatient cost per day for each specialty or type of transplant per the cost reporting period ended in SFY 2009. The target rate shall be inflated using the update factors published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) beginning with cost reporting periods starting on or after January 1, 2010.

1. For dates of service on or after September 1, 2009, payment shall be the lesser of the allowable inpatient costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid days for the period for each specialty or type of transplant multiplied times the per diem limitation for the period.

D. Children's specialty hospitals shall not be eligible for outlier payments after September 1, 2009.

1. Outlier payments made in SFY 2010 in excess of \$12,798,000 shall be considered as an interim payment in the determination of the cost settlement.

E. These provisions shall not preclude children's specialty hospitals from participation in the Medicaid Program under the high Medicaid or graduate medical education supplemental payment provisions.

1. Medicaid supplemental payments related to high cost Medicaid and graduate medical education supplemental payments shall be included as an interim Medicaid inpatient payment in the determination of cost settlement amounts on the filed cost report.

F. Effective for dates of service on or after February 3, 2010, the per diem rates as calculated per §967.A-C above shall be reduced by 5 percent. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, final payment shall be the lesser of allowable inpatient acute care and psychiatric costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges or days as specified per §967.A-C for the period, multiplied by 95 percent of the target rate per discharge or per diem limitation as specified per §967.A-C for the period.

G. Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2010, the per diem rates as calculated per §967.A-C above shall be reduced by 4.6 percent. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, final payment shall be the lesser of allowable inpatient acute care and psychiatric costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges or days as specified per §967.A-C for the period, multiplied by 90.63 percent of the target rate per discharge or per diem limitation as specified per §967.A-C for the period.

H. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the per diem rates as calculated per §967.A-C above shall be reduced by 2 percent. Final payment shall be the lesser of allowable inpatient acute care and psychiatric costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges or days as specified per §967.A-C for the period, multiplied by 88.82 percent of the target rate per discharge or per diem limitation as specified per §967.A-C for the period.

I. Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2012, medical education payments for inpatient services which are reimbursed by a prepaid risk-bearing managed care organization (MCO) shall be paid by Medicaid monthly as interim lump sum payments.

1. Hospitals with qualifying medical education programs shall submit a listing of inpatient claims paid each month by each MCO.

a. *Qualifying Medical Education Programs*—graduate medical education, paramedical education, and nursing schools.

2. Monthly payments shall be calculated by multiplying the number of qualifying inpatient days times the medical education costs included in each children's specialty hospital's interim per diem rate as calculated per the latest filed Medicaid cost report.

3. Final payment shall be determined based on the actual MCO covered days and medical education costs for the cost reporting period per the Medicaid cost report. Reimbursement shall be at the same percentage that is reimbursed for fee-for-service covered Medicaid costs after application of reimbursement caps as specified in §967.A-C and reductions specified in §967.F-H.

J. Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2012, the per diem rates as calculated per §967.A-C above shall be reduced by 3.7 percent. Final payment shall be the lesser of allowable inpatient acute care and psychiatric costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges or days as specified per §967.A-C for the period, multiplied by 85.53 percent of the target rate per discharge or per diem limitation as specified per §967.A-C for the period.

K. Effective for dates of service on or after February 1, 2013, the per diem rates as calculated per §967.A-C above shall be reduced by 1 percent. Final payment shall be the lesser of allowable inpatient acute care and psychiatric costs as determined by the cost report or the Medicaid discharges or days as specified per §967.A-C for the period, multiplied by 84.67 percent of the target rate per discharge or per diem limitation as specified per §967.A-C for the period.

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