

Medicaid Program

CHAPTERS 7, 20 & 28

Chapter 7-Wyoming Nursing Home Reimbursement System

Chapter 20- Reimbursement of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID)

Chapter 28-Swing Bed Services

Statement of Reasons

The Wyoming Department of Health proposes to adopt the following Amended Rules to comply with the provisions of W.S. § 42-4-101, *et seq.*, 2013 Wyoming Session Laws, Ch. 117, and the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act at W.S. §§ 16-3-101 through -115.

Chapter 7, 20 and 28 are being adopted to establish methods and standards for Medicaid reimbursement rates for nursing facilities which provide services to clients.

These Chapters have been amended to include updated nursing home rate methodology that incorporates the required components of Senate Enrolled Act No. 82 passed during the 2013 General Session:

1. Regional Economic Factors: Exempt cost reimbursement for utilities, tax status and nurse aid training.
2. Patient Acuity: The Department will use the most recent facility-reported patient acuity data as reported through the Minimum Data Set (MDS) to adjust rates higher or lower based on the facility's average acuity calculation.
3. Percentage of Medicaid Occupancy: The current supplemental payment program facilitates payments to providers based on the facility's total Medicaid days each year.

As required by W.S. § 16-3-103(a)(i)(G), this proposed rule change meets minimum substantive state statutory requirements.