

Public and Tribal Notice  
Wyoming Department of Health, Medicaid  
Nursing Facility and Swing Bed Reserve Bed Day Policy

July 5, 2016

Public and Tribal notice is hereby given that effective October 1, 2016 the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Financing (Medicaid) will implement a change to its current coverage policy for nursing facility and swing bed reserve bed days. Upon the effective date, Medicaid will no longer reimburse for reserve bed days for skilled nursing facilities or swing beds.

In addition, within the current nursing facility and swing bed rate methodology, each bed range group receives a percentage adjustment (increase or decrease) so the resulting cost coverage between the three peer groups is +/- 3%. The state is seeking approval to change that percentage to "+/- 5%" to help accommodate larger annual fluctuations in the average Medicaid weighted average costs per day as determined by the providers' cost reports. The state is requesting this change be made effective July 1, 2016.

Wyoming state plan Attachment 4.19-C is being amended. Medicaid rules Chapters 7 and 28 will be revised to reflect this change in policy, as will all applicable sections of the Medicaid provider manual.

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