Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) Reimbursed at Medicare Rate

Effective May 26, 2017, Amerigroup* Community Care began using a rate database, sourced from CMS-published Medicare hospital cost reports, of CAH inpatient, swing bed and outpatient rates to price claims from non-contracted CAHs for individual Medicare Advantage and MMP members. Consequently, Amerigroup usually will not need a Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) rate letter to process claims from non-contracted CAHs for individual Medicare Advantage and MMP members. However, Amerigroup will require a MAC rate letter in the situations noted below. We look forward to handling your claims in a more-timely manner with this process change.

Amerigroup still will require a MAC rate letter or additional information from CAHs in the following situations.

- Non-contracted CAHs must submit a MAC rate letter for claims for Medicare Advantage group-sponsored members.
- Contracted CAHs compensated using Medicare rates must continue to submit MAC rate letters to their Amerigroup network managers as required by contract.
- All CAHs should update Amerigroup regarding a change in status in Method (from I to II or II to I). Note that Method II reimbursement applies to contracted CAHs only if specified in contract.

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