

Provider Update

Provider manual update: hospice coverage at intermediate care facility for persons with intellectual disabilities

Summary of update: To ensure our providers are receiving efficient communications on our processes and services, please refer to the below information in regards to hospice when a member is in an intermediate care facility (ICF) for persons with intellectual disabilities.

ICFs for persons with intellectual disabilities

ICFs for persons with intellectual disabilities provide 24-hour active treatment and services for patients with intellectual disabilities and other related conditions. The facility will provide or assist a member with access to the following:

- Dietetic services
- Nursing services
- Laboratory services
- Pharmacy services
- Behavior management services
- Specialized rehabilitation services (including but not limited to physical therapy, speech language pathology and occupational therapy)
- Laboratory services
- Radiology and other diagnostic services
- Durable medical equipment (DME) as ordered by a physician

Note: DME provided in an ICF is the responsibility of the facility and not payable separately. However, payment will be made for the following exceptions:

- Catheter (indwelling Foley)
- Colostomy and ileostomy appliances
- Colostomy and ileostomy care dressings, liquid adhesive and adhesive tape
- Diabetic supplies (disposable or retractable needles and syringes, test-tape, clinitest tablets and clinistix)
- Disposable catheterization trays or sets (sterile)
- Disposable bladder irrigation trays or sets (sterile)
- Disposable saline enemas (e.g., sodium phosphate type)
- Hearing aid batteries
- Orthotic and prosthetic services, including augmentative communication devices
- Orthopedic shoes
- Repair of member-owned equipment
- Oxygen services
- Therapeutic shoes for diabetics
- Wheelchairs

Page 46 of the *Amerigroup Iowa Provider Manual* is being updated to clarify hospice is a covered benefit for ICFs for persons with intellectual disabilities. If you have any questions about this communication, please contact Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

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