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April 9, 2020

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Re: [Redacted]
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NPI: [Redacted]

Effective Date: 03/01/2020

Dear Administrator:

This is to inform you that the Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX) will allow payment to your facility for board, room and care of eligible individuals for ICF/IID at the Per Diem Rate and for services on, and after the effective date stated above.

In order to best support ICF-IIDs' response to COVID-19, the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) is providing an extraordinary circumstance allowance (ECA) for ICF-IIDs participating in the MaineCare program in Maine. The ECA will be effective March 1, 2020 and extend through May 31, 2020.

The ECA will be paid to providers through an increase of \$64.10 per day to their interim prospective rate, resulting in the following Interim Prospective Rate as determined by the Rate Setting Unit of the Department of Health and Human Services:

	Audit Adjusted FY19 Rate	Cumulative Inflation Factor	FY20 Rate
1. Variable Cost Component	[Redacted]	3.09%	[Redacted]
2. Labor Cost Component	[Redacted]	3.10%	[Redacted]
2a. ECA Adjustment COVID 19			\$ 64.10
3. Fixed Cost Component	[Redacted]		[Redacted]
4. Total Interim Prospective Rate	[Redacted]		[Redacted]

The ECA was calculated to represent estimated cost increases due to COVID-19 response in the areas of direct care staffing, non-communal dining, housekeeping and supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE). While the ECA appears as an add-on to the Labor Cost Component, this is for billing purposes only. The funds may be used for any of the aforementioned areas.

The ECA will be reconciled at the end of the authorized ECA period. Providers will need to submit a financial reconciliation to the DHHS – Division of Audit no later than 30 days after the authorized ECA period has ended. The

financial reconciliation must document the actual costs incurred for COVID-19-related expenditures compared to the ECA payments received. The Department will review the submissions for reasonableness and necessity of the expenditures and settle on any under/overpayment within 45 days.

If needed and at the Department's sole discretion, the temporary rate may be extended on a month by month basis, at the same rate or a different rate. Departmental budget constraints are a significant consideration. Similarly, depending on the timing and scope and accessibility of federal funding through the CARES Act and/or other legislation, the Department may opt to discontinue the rate at its discretion.

If you have any questions, please contact Herb Downs with the Division of Audit at DHHS.Audit@maine.gov with "COVID-19 ECA Question" in the subject line or call the Division of Audit main line at 207-287-2403.

If you need further information, please feel free to contact me at 207-287-4875 or via e-mail Dwayne.A.Parsons@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Parsons", is placed over a light gray rectangular background.

Dwayne Parsons, Financial Analyst
DHHS Rate Setting

cc: Herb Downs, Director of Audit