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### **PRIVATE DUTY NURSING TO VENTILATOR-DEPENDENT MEMBERS TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) will establish an hourly contracted rates for all covered respiratory care services provided to ventilator-dependent Wisconsin Medicaid members eligible on the date of service, as mandated by 1989 Wisconsin Act 31. The hourly contracted rates shall be based on various factors, including a review of usual and customary charges submitted to Wisconsin Medicaid, the Wisconsin State Legislature's Medicaid budgetary constraints, and other relevant economic limitations. The hourly contracted rates may be adjusted to reflect reimbursement limits or limits on the availability of federal funding as specified in federal law.

Providers are required to bill their usual and customary charges for services provided. The usual and customary charge is the amount charged by the provider of the same service when provided to non-Medicaid patients. For providers using a sliding fee scale for specific services, the usual and customary charge is the median of the individual provider's charge for the service when provided to non-Medicaid patients.

For each covered respiratory care service, the DHS shall pay the hourly contracted rate established by the DHS. Reimbursement for other home health services provided to ventilator dependent members will be in accordance with the applicable Home Health Agency or Private Duty Nurse Terms of Reimbursement. Wisconsin Medicaid reimbursement, less appropriate copayments and payments by other insurers, will be considered to be payment in full.

The DHS will adjust payments made to providers to reflect the amounts of any allowable copayments that the providers are required to collect pursuant to ch. 49, Wis. Stats.

Payments for deductibles and coinsurance payable on an assigned Medicare claim shall be made in accordance with s. 49.46(2)(c), Wis. Stats.

In accordance with federal regulations contained in 42 CFR 447.205, the DHS will provide public notice in advance of the effective date of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting hourly contracted rates for services.

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