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TO: WV Medicaid Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
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DATE: April 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Inpatient members awaiting transfer to a Nursing Home

Due to the World Health Organization declaring Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) a pandemic, the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) is allowing an additional payment for members that have a continued stay in an acute or critical access hospital awaiting test results to transfer to a Nursing Home. The inpatient stay should be billed on a UB04 as normal and will be paid using the DRG reimbursement rate for acute care or regular per diem for critical access. The additional days should be billed separately on a UB04 utilizing condition codes DR and 42. These will be reimbursed at a special per diem rate of \$238 per day. BMS will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our state and federal partners gathering further information and directives and will provide further notification if an extension is received.