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MEMORANDUM (DMS-53)

To: Living Choices Assisted Living Providers
From: Division of Medical Services (DMS)
Date: February 5, 2021
Re: Suspension of Rate Reduction

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Arkansas and the impact on Assisted Living Facilities, the Division of Medical Services (DMS) and the Division of Adult, Aging and Behavioral Health Service (DAABHS) is suspending the rate reduction for assisted living facilities scheduled to be effective January 1, 2021 during the public health emergency.

This change will be effective on January 1, 2021

Assisted Living Facilities will be reimbursed at \$67.25 per day.

To ensure quality and consistency of care to Medicaid beneficiaries, DMS will coordinate with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) to conduct retrospective reviews and audits of all services provided during this time. Please keep all records of services as required by Medicaid billing rules.