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UPDATED MEMORANDUM (DMS-49)

To: Medicaid Providers
From: Division of Medical Services (DMS)
Date: December 17, 2020
Re: Coverage of Swing Beds in Critical Access Hospitals

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Arkansas and the corresponding surge in hospitalizations that has resulted in a shortage of acute care hospital beds around the State, the Division of Medical Services (DMS) is covering swing beds in Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) during the public health emergency.

This change will be effective on December 22, 2020.

To bill for swing beds, Critical Access Hospital provider (Provider Type 05, specialty CH) must submit electronic or paper claims with appropriate attachments, including a cover sheet requesting coverage of a swing bed. Please follow these steps:

- Bill revenue code 194 for swing bed days.
- Bill all dates of service for each month on one claim (there will be separate claims filed for dates of service in different months).

Swing bed days will be reimbursed at \$400.00 per day. As with all other hospital stays during the Public Health Emergency, these stays will not be subject to MUMP review. Swing bed days will not be included in the cost settlement for CAHs, and should not be reported as Medicaid routine day on the CAH annual cost report.

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.