

Request for Public Comments: Proposed Increase in FY2023 Medicare Hospice Payment Rates Would Also Increase Medicaid Rates

On March 30, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [proposed rule \(CMS-1754-P\)](#) updating hospice payments and the aggregate cap amount for fiscal year (FY) 2023. The proposed 2.7 percent increase would, if implemented, require modifications to Medicaid hospice payment rates and methodologies. ***State Medicaid payments for hospice care are required by federal law to be “in amounts no lower than the amounts, using the same methodology” as in Medicare (Section 1902(a)(13)(B) of the Social Security Act).*** If the increase is implemented as proposed, the minimum Medicaid hospice payments would increase by the 2.7 percent on October 1, 2022. Once the proposed new rates are finalized later this year, CMS will provide states with information regarding the specific impacts on Medicaid hospice pay rates.

The fact sheet accompanying the proposed rule also includes information on development of the CMS hospice quality reporting program that may be of interest to states: [Fiscal Year 2023 Hospice Payment Rate Update Proposed Rule \(CMS-1773-P\) | CMS](#).

For further information, visit the [Hospice Center | CMS](#) webpage.

Public comments on the proposal will be accepted until May 31, 2022.

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