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Sincerely,

Lynne C. Angle, Director

Administrative Rules Division

ules appearing under this heading are filed under the authority granted by section 536.025, RSMo 2000. An emergency rule may be adopted by an agency if the agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare, or a compelling governmental interest requires emergency action; follows procedures best calculated to assure fairness to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances; follows procedures which comply with the protections extended by the Missouri and the United States Constitutions; limits the scope of such rule to the circumstances creating an emergency and requiring emergency procedure, and at the time of or prior to the adoption of such rule files with the secretary of state the text of the rule together with the specific facts, reasons and findings which support its conclusion that there is an immediate danger to the public health, safety or welfare which can be met only through the adoption of such rule and its reasons for concluding that the procedure employed is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances.

ules filed as emergency rules may be effective not less than ten (10) days after filing or at such later date as may be specified in the rule and may be terminated at any time by the state agency by filing an order with the secretary of state fixing the date of such termination, which order shall be published by the secretary of state in the *Missouri Register* as soon as practicable.

Il emergency rules must state the period during which they are in effect, and in no case can they be in effect more than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days or thirty (30) legislative days, whichever period is longer. Emergency rules are not renewable, although an agency may at any time adopt an identical rule under the normal rulemaking procedures.

Title 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Division 70—Division of Medical Services Chapter 10—Nursing Home Program

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

13 CSR **70-10.015** Prospective Reimbursement Plan for Nursing Facility Services. The division is amending subsection (3)(T) and adding section (20).

PURPOSE: This amendment provides for the implementation of Senate Bill No. II23 which rebases nursing facility rates each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment is necessary to implement Senate Bill 1123 which rebases nursing facility rates each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. It must be implemented on a timely basis to ensure that quality nursing facility services continue to be provided to Medicaid patients in nursing facilities. As a result, the Division of Medical Services finds an immediate danger to public health, safety and/or welfare and a compelling governmental interest, which requires emergency action. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The Division of Medical Services believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency

amendment was filed June 18, 2004, effective July 1, 2004, and expires December 15, 2004.

(3) General Principles.

(T) Rebasing.

- 1. The division based on its discretion shall pick at least one (1) cost report year from cost reports with fiscal years ending in [1995 through 1999] 2001 or later to compare the allowable costs from the selected desk audited and/or field audited cost report year to the reimbursement rate in effect at the time of the comparison. [Each facility's reimbursement rate will be increased or decreased to reflect the allowable costs from the desk audited and/or field audited cost report selected above.] The rebased rates shall be determined in accordance with section (20).
- 2. The asset value will be adjusted annually based on the R.S. Means Construction Index. The asset value as adjusted will be used only for determining reimbursement in section (11) for the year(s) selected above for rebasing and as determined in paragraphs (13)(B)6. and (13)(B)7.

(20) Rebasing of Nursing Facility Rates.

- (A) Effective July 1, 2004, nursing facility rates shall be rebased on an annual basis. The rebased rates shall be phased in as set forth below in subsection (20)(B). Each nursing facility shall have its prospective rate recalculated using the same principles and methodology as detailed throughout sections (1)–(19) of this regulation, unless otherwise noted in this section (20). The following items have been updated to reflect the rebase:
- 1. Nursing facility rates shall be rebased on an annual basis using the cost report year that is three (3) years prior to the effective date of the rate change. For example, for SFY 2005, the effective date of the rate change is for dates of service beginning July 1, 2004 and the cost report year used to recalculate rates shall be 2001; for SFY 2006, the effective date of the rate change is for dates of service beginning July 1, 2005 and the cost report year used to recalculate rates shall be 2002; etc.
- A. A new databank shall be developed from the cost reports for each rebase year in accordance with paragraph (20)(A)1. and subsection (4)(S).
- B. The costs in the databank shall be trended using the indices from the most recent publication of the Health-Care Cost Review available to the division using the "CMS Nursing Home without Capital Market Basket" table. The costs shall be trended using the second quarter indices for each year. The costs shall be trended for the years following the cost report year, up to and including the state fiscal year corresponding to the effective date of the rates. For SFY 2005, the trends are from the First Quarter 2004 publication of the Health-Care Cost Review and include the following:

(I) 2002:2 = 3.2%

(II) 2003:2 = 3.4%

(III) 2004:2 = 2.3%

(IV) 2005:2 = 2.3%

(V) The total trend applied to the 2001 cost report data is 11.2%.

- C. The medians and ceilings shall be recalculated each year, based upon the trended costs included in the new databank that is developed each year.
- D. The costs, beds, days, renovations/major improvements, loans, etc. from each facility's cost report included in the databank shall be used to recalculate each facility's rate. The costs reflected in each facility's cost report shall be trended as detailed above in (20)(A)1.B.
- 2. The asset value used to determine the capital cost component, as set forth in subsection (11)(D), shall be updated each year based upon the R.S. Means Building Construction Cost

Data for the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates. The asset value is determined by using the median, total cost of construction per bed for nursing homes from the "S.F., C.F, and % of Total Costs" table and adjusting it by the total weighted average index for Missouri cities from the "City Cost Indexes" table. For SFY 2005, the asset value shall be forty-one thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$41,728).

- 3. The age of the beds shall be calculated from the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates.
- 4. The interest rate used in determining the capital cost component and working capital allowance, as set forth in subsections (7)(F), (11)(D), and (11)(E), shall be updated to reflect the prime rate as reported by the Federal Reserve and published in the *Wall Street Journal* on the first business day of June for the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates plus two percent (2%). For SFY 2005, the interest rate shall be the prime rate of four percent (4.00%), as published June 1, 2004, plus two percent (2.00%) for a total of six percent (6.00%).
- 5. The rate of return used in determining the capital cost component, as set forth in subsection (11)(D), shall be updated to reflect the interest (i.e., coupon) rate for the most recent issue of thirty (30)-year Treasury Bonds in effect on the first business day of June for the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates plus two percent (2%). For SFY 2005, the rate of return shall be the thirty (30)-year Treasury Bond rate of 5.375%, effective June 1, 2004, plus two percent (2.00%) for a total of 7.375%.
- 6. The administration cost component per diem calculation shall not be adjusted for minimum utilization.
- 7. The capital cost component per diem calculation shall be adjusted for minimum utilization using the Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) Intermediate Care Facility/Skilled Nursing Facility Certificate of Need Quarterly Survey (CON Quarterly Survey) for the most recent quarter available to the division relative to the effective date of the rates. The occupancy data from the CON Quarterly Survey shall be adjusted by the division using total licensed beds rather than available beds as is used by DHSS. For SFY 2005, the minimum utilization percent for the capital component is the adjusted industry average from the October–December 2003 CON Quarterly Survey and shall be seventy-three percent (73%).
- 8. The high volume adjustment for SFY 2005 shall continue to be based on the 2001 cost report rather than the cost report ending in the third calendar year prior to the state fiscal year as set forth in (13)(B)10.A.(I). The remaining criteria and calculations set forth in (13)(B)10. shall continue to be applicable. Therefore, facilities receiving the high volume adjustment for SFY 2004 shall continue to receive the same high volume adjustment for the first year of the rebase (i.e., July 1, 2004–June 30, 2005).
- 9. Since rates are being recalculated each year, rate adjustment requests for replacement beds, additional beds, and/or extraordinary circumstances as set forth in paragraphs (13)(B)6., (13)(B)7. and (13)(B)8. are no longer allowed.
 - (B) The rebased rates shall be phased in, as set forth below:
- 1. A preliminary rebased rate shall be calculated using the same principles and methodology as detailed throughout sections (1)–(19) of this regulation and the updated items detailed above in paragraphs (20)(A)1.-9.
- 2. The total increase resulting from the rebase each year shall be calculated as follows:
- A. Each facility's current rate as of June 30 of each year shall be compared to the preliminary rebased rate effective July 1 of the following SFY. For example, for SFY 2005, the facility's rate as of June 30, 2004 shall be compared to the preliminary rebased rate effective July 1, 2004; for SFY 2006, the facility's rate as of June 30, 2005 shall be compared to the preliminary rebased rate effective July 1, 2005; etc.

- (I) The high volume adjustment, if applicable, and the NFRA shall not be included in the current rate or the preliminary rebased rate for comparison purposes in determining the total increase.
- (II) The high volume adjustment, if applicable, and the current NFRA shall be added to the rate determined below in subparagraph (20)(B)2.B.
- B. If the preliminary rebased rate is greater than the current rate, the difference between the two (2) shall represent the total increase that will be phased in by granting one-third (1/3) of the total increase each year. For SFY 2005, one-third (1/3) of the total increase shall be added to the facility's current rate as of June 30, 2004, less the reduction in the nursing facility operations adjustment of fifty-four cents (54¢) effective July 1, 2004 as set forth in (13)(A)9. The high volume adjustment, if applicable, and the current NFRA shall be added to that total and shall be the facility's prospective rate for SFY 2005.
- C. If the preliminary rebased rate is less than the current rate, the facility shall continue to receive its current rate with any applicable adjustments for high volume and NFRA for the SFY.
- (C) Interim rates and rates for hospital-based facilities that do not submit cost reports due to having less than one thousand (1,000) patient days for Medicaid residents shall also be recalculated and increases given each July 1 as set forth above.

AUTHORITY: sections 208.153, 208.159 and 208.201, RSMo 2000. Emergency rule filed Dec. 21, 1994, effective Jan. 1, 1995, expired April 30, 1995. Emergency rule filed April 21, 1995, effective May 1, 1995, expired Aug. 28, 1995. Original rule filed Dec. 15, 1994, effective July 30, 1995. For intervening history, please consult the Code of State Regulations. Emergency amendment filed June 18, 2004, effective July 1, 2004, expires Dec. 15, 2004.

Title 13—DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Division 70—Division of Medical Services Chapter 10—Nursing Home Program

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

13 CSR 70-10.080 Prospective Reimbursement Plan for HIV Nursing Facility Services. The division is amending subsections (3)(E), (3)(N), (4)(PP) and (4)(QQ) and adding section (20).

PURPOSE: This amendment provides for the implementation of Senate Bill No. 1123 which rebases nursing facility rates each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment is necessary to implement Senate Bill 1123 which rebases nursing facility rates each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. It must be implemented on a timely basis to ensure that quality nursing facility services continue to be provided to Medicaid patients in HIV nursing facilities. As a result, the Division of Medical Services finds an immediate danger to public health, safety and/or welfare and a compelling governmental interest, which requires emergency action. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the Missouri and United States Constitutions. The Division of Medical Services believes this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed June 18, 2004, effective July 1, 2004, and expires December 15, 2004.

(3) General Principles.

- (E) The Medicaid reimbursement rate shall be the lower of:
 - [1. The average private pay charge;]
 - /2./ 1. The Medicare (Title XVIII) rate, if applicable; or

- [3.] 2. The reimbursement rate as determined in accordance with sections (11), (12) and (13) of this rule.
- (N) [The average Medicaid reimbursement rate paid shall not exceed the average private pay rate for the same period covered by the facility's Medicaid cost report. Any amount in excess will be subject to repayment and/or recoupment.] Rebasing. Effective July 1, 2004, HIV nursing facility rates shall be rebased on an annual basis, as set forth in section (20).

(4) Definitions.

- (PP) Rate setting cost report. The *[second full twelve (12)-month fiscal year]* desk audited and/or field audited cost report relating to a facility's rate setting period.
- (QQ) Rate setting period. The *[full twelve (12)-month]* period *[in]* for which a facility's prospective rate is determined. The rate setting period shall apply to the annual rebasing of rates as set forth in (3)(N) as well as to facilities who have an interim rate and whose initial prospective rate is being set. For interim rate facilities, the rate setting period is the second full twelve (12)-month cost report following the facility's initial date of Medicaid certification.

(20) Rebasing of HIV Nursing Facility Rates.

- (A) Effective July 1, 2004, HIV nursing facility rates shall be rebased on an annual basis. The rebased rates shall be phased in as set forth below in subsection (20)(B). Each HIV nursing facility shall have its prospective rate recalculated using the same principles and methodology as detailed throughout sections (1)–(19) of this regulation, unless otherwise noted in this section (20). The following items have been updated to reflect the rebase:
- 1. HIV nursing facility rates shall be rebased on an annual basis using the cost report year that is three (3) years prior to the effective date of the rate change. For example, for SFY 2005, the effective date of the rate change is for dates of service beginning July 1, 2004 and the cost report year used to recalculate rates shall be 2001; for SFY 2006, the effective date of the rate change is for dates of service beginning July 1, 2005 and the cost report year used to recalculate rates shall be 2002; etc.
- A. A new databank shall be developed from the cost reports for each rebase year in accordance with paragraph (20)(A)1. and subsection (4)(P).
- B. The costs in the databank shall be trended using the indices from the most recent publication of the Health-Care Cost Review available to the division using the "CMS Nursing Home without Capital Market Basket" table. The costs shall be trended using the second quarter indices for each year. The costs shall be trended for the years following the cost report year, up to and including the state fiscal year corresponding to the effective date of the rates. For SFY 2005, the trends are from the First Quarter 2004 publication of the Health-Care Cost Review and include the following:
 - (I) 2002:2 = 3.2%
 - (II) 2003:2 = 3.4%
 - (III) 2004:2 = 2.3%
 - (IV) 2005:2 = 2.3%
- (V) The total trend applied to the 2001 cost report data is 11.2%.
- C. The medians and ceilings shall be recalculated each year, based upon the trended costs included in the new databank that is developed each year.
- D. The costs, beds, days, renovations/major improvements, loans, etc. from each facility's cost report included in the databank shall be used to recalculate each facility's rate. The costs reflected in each facility's cost report shall be trended as detailed above in (20)(A)1.B.
- 2. The asset value used to determine the capital cost component, as set forth in subsection (11)(D), shall be updated each year based upon the R.S. Means Building Construction Cost

- Data for the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates. The asset value is determined by using the median, total cost of construction per bed for nursing homes from the "S.F., C.F, and % of Total Costs" table and adjusting it by the total weighted average index for Missouri cities from the "City Cost Indexes" table. For SFY 2005, the asset value shall be forty-one thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$41,728).
- 3. The age of the beds shall be calculated from the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates.
- 4. The interest rate used in determining the capital cost component and working capital allowance, as set forth in subsections (7)(F), (11)(D), and (11)(E), shall be updated to reflect the prime rate as reported by the Federal Reserve and published in the *Wall Street Journal* on the first business day of June for the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates plus two percent (2%). For SFY 2005, the interest rate shall be the prime rate of four percent (4.00%), as published June 1, 2004, plus two percent (2.00%) for a total of six percent (6.00%).
- 5. The rate of return used in determining the capital cost component, as set forth in subsection (11)(D), shall be updated to reflect the interest (i.e., coupon) rate for the most recent issue of thirty (30)-year Treasury Bonds in effect on the first business day of June for the year coinciding with the effective date of the rates plus two percent (2%). For SFY 2005, the rate of return shall be the thirty (30)-year Treasury Bond rate of 5.375%, effective June 1, 2004, plus two percent (2.00%) for a total of 7.375%.
- The administration cost component per diem calculation shall not be adjusted for minimum utilization.
- 7. The capital cost component per diem calculation shall be adjusted for minimum utilization using the Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) Intermediate Care Facility/Skilled Nursing Facility Certificate of Need Quarterly Survey (CON Quarterly Survey) for the most recent quarter available to the division relative to the effective date of the rates. The occupancy data from the CON Quarterly Survey shall be adjusted by the division using total licensed beds rather than available beds as is used by DHSS. For SFY 2005, the minimum utilization percent for the capital component is the adjusted industry average from the October–December 2003 CON Quarterly Survey and shall be seventy-three percent (73%).
- 8. Since rates are being recalculated each year, rate adjustment requests for replacement beds, additional beds, and/or extraordinary circumstances as set forth in paragraphs (13)(B)1., (13)(B)2. and (13)(B)3. are no longer allowed.
 - (B) The rebased rates shall be phased in, as set forth below:
- 1. A preliminary rebased rate shall be calculated using the same principles and methodology as detailed throughout sections (1)-(19) of this regulation and the updated items detailed above in paragraphs (20)(A)1.-8.
- 2. The total increase resulting from the rebase each year shall be calculated as follows:
- A. Each facility's current rate as of June 30 of each year shall be compared to the preliminary rebased rate effective July 1 of the following SFY. For example, for SFY 2005, the facility's rate as of June 30, 2004 shall be compared to the preliminary rebased rate effective July 1, 2004; for SFY 2006, the facility's rate as of June 30, 2005 shall be compared to the preliminary rebased rate effective July 1, 2005; etc.
- (I) The NFRA shall not be included in the current rate or the preliminary rebased rate for comparison purposes in determining the total increase.
- (II) The current NFRA shall be added to the rate determined below in subparagraph (20)(B)2.B.
- B. If the preliminary rebased rate is greater than the current rate, the difference between the two (2) shall represent the total increase that will be phased in by granting one-third (1/3) of the total increase each year. For SFY 2005, one-third (1/3) of the total increase shall be added to the facility's current rate as of

June 30, 2004, less the reduction in the nursing facility operations adjustment of fifty-four cents ($54 \c e$) effective July 1, 2004 as set forth in (13)(A)5. The current NFRA shall be added to that total and shall be the facility's prospective rate for SFY 2005.

C. If the preliminary rebased rate is less than the current rate, the facility shall continue to receive its current rate including the current NFRA for the SFY.

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he Secretary of State shall publish all executive orders beginning January 1, 2003, pursuant to section 536.035.2, RSMo Supp. 2002.

Executive Order 04-15

WHEREAS, a series of severe thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 5, 2004, in the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area, resulted in the loss of electrical service to approximately 150,000 public utility customers of Ameren Electric; and

WHEREAS, since then, Ameren has worked to restore electrical service to more than 100,000 customers, but still has approximately 42,000 customers remaining without electrical service in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and St. Charles County at this time; and

WHEREAS, in order to expedite the restoration of electrical power to these public utility customers, it is necessary temporarily to dispatch Ameren line personnel from their usual work reporting locations throughout the State of Illinois, to the St. Louis, Missouri, metropolitan area, to assist in the restoration of electrical service, and to temporarily relieve the Ameren personnel who have been working to restore electric power to the St. Louis area since July 5, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the present extent of the damage makes it likely that these Ameren line personnel from Illinois will be needed to continue rendering assistance to the emergency relief effort within the St. Louis metropolitan area until and including Friday, July 9, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of this state require that operators of commercial motor carriers upon the public highways who are rendering assistance to these emergency efforts to restore electrical service to the affected area be allowed more rapid and efficient travel to meet this emergency need for restoration of electric utility service within the affected area of this state; and

WHEREAS, this requirement for more rapid and efficient transportation would be facilitated by the temporary suspension of certain usual and necessary regulatory requirements for the drivers of commercial motor vehicles, while they are transporting property and passengers to assist in the relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Section 390.23 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations provides that a Governor of a State may declare an emergency thereby exempting motor carriers or drivers operating a commercial vehicle from Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Ameren Electric has requested relief from the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for motor carriers and drivers while providing emergency assistance in the efforts to restore electrical service to customers within the state of Missouri who have lost electrical service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BOB HOLDEN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, hereby declare that a regional state of emergency exists, within the meaning of 49 CFR section 390.23(a)(1), within the Missouri counties of St. Louis and St. Charles, and the City of St. Louis, Missouri, because of the need to restore electric utility service to and within the affected region. This Order shall be effective immediately and shall continue until 11:59 pm on Friday, July 9, 2004.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 7th day of July, 2004.

Bob Holden

Governor

Matt Blunt Secretary of State