

DATE: March 30, 2021

COVID Skilled Care Centers/Units:

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the ending of the temporary special designation and payment for COVID-19 Skilled Care Centers or Units (CSCCs/CSCUs) on April 30, 2021. Any NF/SNF services in these units provided through April 30, 2021 are eligible for the additional payment offered by TennCare for Medicaid Nursing Facility services delivered to COVID-19 positive residents in these facilities and by TDH for commercial, private pay or uninsured COVID-19 positive residents pursuant to previously established policies.

- For purposes of the COVID-19 adjustment made by TennCare on behalf of TDH for NF/SNF services delivered to commercial, private pay or uninsured residents, CSCCs/CSCUs will have until the end of May to submit remaining invoices for April.
- For purposes of the COVID-19 adjustment for Medicaid NF services, claims must be submitted to the MCO in accordance with contractual timelines for timely claims submission.

Beginning May 1, 2021, reimbursement of Medicaid NF services will be made in accordance with each facility's established Medicaid per diem rate. For dates of service May 1, 2021 and following, facilities will no longer need to add the "DR" (Disaster Related) condition code to the NF claim, as the Medicaid COVID-positive adjustment will no longer apply.

This does not impact Medicare payment policies for Medicare SNF benefits, including any enhanced payments that Medicare may continue to offer for SNF services provided to COVID-19 positive individuals.

We appreciate your participation in this program and the important role your facility has played in the state's COVID-19 response to some of Tennessee's most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Morgan McDonald'.

Morgan McDonald, MD FAAP FACP
Deputy Commissioner for Population Health
Tennessee Department of Health

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Patti Killingsworth'.

Patti Killingsworth
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