OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning Public Notice Regarding Changes in Statewide Methods and Standards for Setting Payments for Medicaid Enrolled Nursing Facilities

In accordance with the public notice requirements of <u>IC 12-15-14-8</u>(c), the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) publishes this notice of proposed changes to the reimbursement methodology for nursing facilities (NFs).

OMPP proposes to continue the three percent (3%) reduction that is currently set to expire on June 30, 2019, for rates paid to nursing facilities, under the Medicaid state plan and state regulations at 405 IAC 1-14.6. This three percent (3%) reduction will be effective July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021.

The change in reimbursement is necessary in order to remain within the available Medicaid appropriation. It is estimated that the fiscal impact of continuing the three percent (3%) rate reduction will be annual savings of state and federal expenditures of approximately \$57.6 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 (federal share of \$38.0 million and state share of \$19.6 million) and \$58.5 million for Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (federal share of \$38.6 million and state share of \$19.9 million), as compared to state and federal expenditures without the three percent (3%) reduction.

A copy of this notice is now on file at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W451, Indianapolis, Indiana and is open for public inspection. Also, a copy of this notice is now available and may be inspected by contacting the local county Division of Family Resources office, except in Marion County, where public inspection may be made at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W374, Indianapolis, Indiana.

There will be no public hearing. Written comments may be directed to FSSA, Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning, Attention: Kelly Flynn, 402 West Washington Street, Room W374, MS07, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083 or by email to spacomment@fssa.in.gov. Correspondence should be identified in the following manner: COMMENT RE: EXTENSION OF THE 3% RATE REDUCTION FOR NFs. Written comments will be made available for public inspection at the address herein of the OMPP.

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