

Letter of Direction #35-2

Date: September 13, 2021

To: Centennial Care 2.0 Managed Care Organizations

From: Nicole Comeaux, Director, Medical Assistance Division 

Subject: University of New Mexico Hospital Directed Payment Repeal & Replace LOD#35-1

Title: UNM Hospital Directed Payment

This letter of direction (LOD) will repeal and replace LOD#35-1 *University of New Mexico Hospital Directed Payment*.

The State of New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) Medicaid Assistance Division (MAD) has received Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval for the annual renewal of the directed payment in accordance with Section 438.6(c) for calendar year 2021 (CY2021). In this LOD, HSD will continue directed payments for the University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH), updated the payment distribution dates and updated quality measures to the evaluation for CY2021.

Background

For calendar year 2020 (CY2020), MAD received approval from CMS for this directed payment in accordance with 42 CFR 438.6(c) for UNMH. HSD has distributed the approved CY2020 funding to the Centennial Care 2.0 (CC 2.0) managed care organizations (MCOs) as described in LOD #35-1. The distribution of payments by HSD were separate from regular capitated payments and the MCOs have distributed the funds to UNMH.

On August 25, 2021, CMS approved a continuation of this program in CY2021 and HSD intends to distribute the approved funding to the Centennial Care 2.0 (CC 2.0) MCOs as described in this LOD. The distribution of the payment by HSD will be separate from the regular capitated payment and the MCO will distribute the funds to UNMH.

Distribution of Directed Payment

MAD will make a payment to each MCO on a quarterly basis. The amount of the quarterly payment for each MCO will be based on the distribution of claims. For example, in April 2021 MAD will evaluate utilization by MCO for the period between January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 and use that as a basis to distribute the estimated quarterly payment funds to the MCO. The payment schedule is provided in the table below. MAD recognizes that the data will not be 100% for any period. For each quarter MAD will evaluate the claims data to determine the quarterly distribution and update the directed payment for each MCO. This approach will:

- Provide MAD the opportunity to evaluate emerging data and more closely align the directed payment amounts to the MCO over a twelve (12) month period.
- Provide MAD with information for federal claiming, reporting Waiver expenditures and for inter-governmental transfer tracking purposes.

Payment Distribution Schedule

Directed Payment Date	Incurred and Paid Data Analysis Period
September, 2021	1/1/21 – 3/31/21
September, 2021	1/1/21 – 6/30/21
October 31, 2021	1/1/21 – 9/30/21
April 30, 2022*	1/1/21 – 12/31/21

*Final payment will be made in April 2022 to account for claims run-out

Quality Metrics and Payment Distribution Schedule

The performance targets were determined in conjunction with the provider based on a review of current performance by the provider, setting reasonably achievable goals for performance improvement. Payment of the 10 percent withheld amount will be contingent on the provider meeting HSD assigned quality improvement targets. The state will release 1 percent of the total for each measure for which the target has been met. Based on the number of targets met, the state will approve payment of the relevant portion of the withheld amount to be paid out as a bonus payment. The bonus payment will be allocated among the MCOs based on their proportional share of utilization by the eligible provider, and they will be directed to make payments to the provider accordingly.

The MCO shall develop a mechanism to communicate with UNMH to identify gaps in care and coordinate follow up care for members to improve member outcomes.

The quality bonus payments for the UNMH directed payment will be based on the quality metrics below. HSD will be collecting the data.

1. Death among patients with serious treatable complications after surgery;
2. Percentage of outpatient CT scans of the abdomen that were “combination” (double scans);
3. Serious complications that patients experienced during a hospital stay or after having certain inpatient procedures;
4. Patients with alcohol abuse who received a brief intervention during their hospital stay;
5. HCAHPs Communication with doctors;
6. HCAHPs Communication with nurses;
7. Follow up after Emergency Department visit for mental illness (7-day);
8. Follow up after Emergency Department visit for mental illness (30-day);
9. Follow up after hospitalization for mental illness (7-day);
10. Follow up after hospitalization for mental illness (30-day).

All quality payments for CY 2021 will be made based on the distribution schedule below:

Quality Period	Deadline to Pay UNMH
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021	April 30, 2022

Other Directed Payment Details

This section provides information about operational and reporting requirements associated with the directed payment.

- The directed payments are classified as revenue attributed to medical expenses and therefore classified as “premium”. The quarterly payments will include gross-up amounts to reflect applicable risk/margin and premium taxes.
 - MAD will provide each MCO the amount of the directed payment and break out the gross-up amounts for each rate cohort.
- The directed payment will be included in the MCO’s Medical Loss Ratio and Underwriting Gain calculations outlined in the CC 2.0 Contract Amendment #1 (Section 7.2).
 - MAD directs each CC 2.0 MCO to report the revenue received for the directed payment in the quarterly and annual Financial Reporting package as “other revenue”. The amounts recorded in the financial reporting package **must** match the total payment made by MAD to the MCO by rate cohort.
 - MAD directs each CC 2.0 MCO to report the amount paid by the MCO to UNMH for the directed payment in the quarterly and annual Financial Reporting package as “other services”. The amounts recorded in the financial reporting package **must** match the total payment made by MAD to the MCO by rate cohort.
 - Amounts paid by the MCO to UNMH for the directed payment should also be reported in FIN-Report #5 for “Other Services” in the Shared Risk/Incentive Arrangements (All programs – Line 42). This will ensure that the FIN-Report Check Totals tab do not identify submission errors.
- Reconciliations performed as part of the CC 2.0 MCO contract (Retroactive Period, Hepatitis C and Patient Liability) will not include the directed payment revenue or expense.
- The directed payment amount paid by the MCO to UNMH should not be included in encounter data submissions.

Reporting of UNMH Paid Claims

The CC 2.0 MCO is required to submit utilization and paid amounts by procedure code, rate cohort and month in which the service occurred for each month and as prescribed below. Data is due each quarter. **MCOs must submit the data no later than ten (10) business days after the last business day of the prior quarter. MCOs must continue reporting data beyond the respective calendar year unless otherwise directed by HSD.**

Acceptable File Formats:

- Delimited text file (*.txt or *.csv)
- Microsoft Access (*.accdb)

Requirements:

- Table 1 illustrates the data required and information about how the field should be formatted and Table 3 provides an example of the data output.

- Data should be limited to UNMH. The National Provider Identification (NPI) numbers for Billing Provider NPI that identify UNMH are provided in Table 2.
- The report should be based on incurred **and** adjudicated paid claims.
- Denied or voided claims should be excluded.
- The claim type should represent hospital claims.
- Rate cohort assignment **must** be based on the cohort assignment for the member as of the incurred date of the claim.
- Each run of the report should include a refresh of the prior reported data periods and include:
 - Changes that may occur in the member’s cohort assignment.
 - Removal of data when a member loses eligibility.
 - The amount paid by the MCO to the UNMH.

Table 1 - Data File Fields

Field Name	Field Information	Format
Month of Service	The date of service must be formatted as 4-character year and 2-character month. “YYYYMM”	Text
Billing Provider NPI	1689747552	Text
Hospital Stay Type	Either “Inpatient” or “Outpatient” depending on hospital stay	Text
Rate Cohort	This should be the rate cohort assigned by MAD to the member for the month the service was incurred. If a member cohort is changed retroactively by MAD the report should reflect the cohort assigned as of the date of the report. Acceptable values align with Financial Reporting Package Rate Cohorts: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 300, 300B, 300C, 301, 302A, 302B, 302C, 303, 304, 310, 312, 320, 322, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122 (113 does not exist)	Text
Paid Claims	Number of paid claims	Number
Paid Amount	Amount paid by the MCO	Number

Table 2 - UNMH Billing Provider NPIs

UNMH	1689747552
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Table 3 - Data File Example

Month of Service	Billing Provider NPI	Hospital Stay Type	Rate Cohort	Paid Claims	Paid Amount
202101	1689747552	Inpatient	002	46	\$4,462.92
202102	1689747552	Inpatient	003	92	\$4,781.24
202102	1689747552	Outpatient	009	81	\$7,128.00