

December 1, 2022

Dear SummaCare Provider,

Annually, SummaCare makes adjustments to fee schedules and compensation rates in accordance with changes that CMS makes to its fee schedules. Historically and contractually SummaCare has made these changes after the effective date that CMS has made it effective to allow time to implement the applicable changes. Due to the access to new programming, SummaCare now has the ability to make these changes to our fee schedule effective with the date that CMS designates as the effective date.

Changes that are impacted that are frequently impacted by CMS changes are

- RBRVS fee schedules
- ASC weight and rate schedules
- DRG weight updates

This letter serves as notification that effective October 1, 2022 for Hospital DRG services and January 1, 2023, for other adjustments, SummaCare is capable of making all changes to fee schedules that are based on a CMS methodology to be effective with a date that CMS has designated as the effective date of the change.

Language within your contract that identifies a timeframe for making changes to rates will be replaced with the following:

**Definition for the Calculation of Medicare Reimbursement:** Reimbursement shall be made at the rate of the percentage rate (as stated above) of the current CMS reimbursement rates as specified by the provider's zip code and Pricers published by CMS' Office of Actuary on a regular basis. SUMMACARE shall update our reimbursement in accordance with those publically published by CMS and shall implement the new rates to coincide with the date that CMS has made its changes.

If you have any questions please contact the provider contracting department at [sccontracting@summacare.com](mailto:sccontracting@summacare.com)

Sincerely

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