



# Department of Health

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Executive Deputy Commissioner

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Dear Administrator

This is to notify you of the approval and publication of your Medicaid Hospice Residence rates, including the Recruitment, Training and Retention (RTR) add-ons for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The formula on which these 2026 rates are based was promulgated in accordance with Section 4014 of the Public Health Law (PHL) and Subpart 866(h) of Title 10 of the Commissioner's Administrative Rules and Regulations.

In accordance with the approved rate methodology, these rates represent 94% of the weighted average calendar year Medicaid rate of the nursing facilities located in the WEF region of your hospice residence. These rates also include the 2022 legislative increase, in accordance with Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2018, as well as the 2022 Enacted one percent (1%) enhancement, effective April 1, 2022. The payment for the January 1, 2026, Hospice residence rates will be made in cycle 2560, with a check release date of September 30, 2026.

The rates are attached to this letter and will be posted on the NYS DOH public website at [https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long\\_term\\_care/reimbursement/hospice/](https://www.health.ny.gov/facilities/long_term_care/reimbursement/hospice/)

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please send an email to [hospicerates@health.ny.gov](mailto:hospicerates@health.ny.gov) and Richard Kappes will respond to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

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