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To: Skilled Nursing Facilities

From: IEHP – Provider Relations

Date: June 18, 2026

Subject: DHCS APL 26-006: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Workforce Quality Incentive Program (WQIP)

Pursuant to the Department of Health Care Services [DHCS All Plan Letter \(APL\) 26-006](#): Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Workforce Quality Incentive Program (WQIP), IEHP must ensure the number of SNF WQIP qualifying bed days is calculated without regard to when these bed days are reported to DHCS.

Bed Sharing Days

IEHP will reconcile the data provided by DHCS into a summary report and share it with Providers within 30 calendar days and will publish the SNF WQIP Eligible Network provider's contracted bed days and payment totals, based on clean claims submission.

Payments to SNF WQIP-Eligible Network Providers

Pursuant to W&I section 14126.024(e), bed days receiving reimbursement for special treatment program (STP) services for the mentally disordered are not qualified for SNF WQIP payments. Furthermore, hospice bed days are not qualified for SNF WQIP. Facilities in which all beds are designated for STP and/or hospice services thus are not qualified for SNF WQIP.

Bed days reimbursed outside of a Network Provider Agreement, bed days for which Medi-Cal is a secondary payer, and bed days reimbursed through the Medi-Cal FFS delivery system are not qualified for SNF WQIP.

SNF WQIP payments will be made by IEHP to SNF WQIP-eligible Network Providers:

1. Based on an interim and final per diem amount calculated by DHCS.
 - a. We will ensure Providers are aware that the payment they are receiving is for the SNF WQIP and includes the payment year.

IEHP will comply with the interest requirements associated with SNF WQIP payment exhibits issued after March 30, 2026. Interest will apply only in situations where payment is not issued within the required time-payment standards.

If applicable, interest will be calculated for rating periods between January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2025.

Any unpaid amount will accrue interest at a rate of 15 percent per annum, beginning on the first calendar day after the later of the following:

- (a) forty-five (45) calendar days after IEHP receives the applicable payment exhibit from DHCS,
or
- (b) forty-five (45) working days after receipt of the claim if received on or before December 31, 2025, or thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the claim if received on or after January 1, 2026

IEHP will net out previously directed interim payment amounts from the final payment and recoup or withhold any amounts related to Class AA or A citations from interim and final payments.

If you have any questions, please contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054, (866) 223-4347 or email ProviderServices@iehp.org.

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