Reminder: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires rate letter for reimbursement of inpatient and outpatient services

Security Health Plan's reimbursement for critical access hospital, swing bed and/or rural health clinic's inpatient and outpatient services is based on their most recent rate letter from CMS. Security Health Plan is not able to access facility rate letters and needs to receive these from providers.

Security Health Plan requires critical access hospitals, swing bed and rural health clinics to provide Security Health Plan with their CMS rate letter no less than every 12 months or within 30 days of receiving from CMS (whichever is earlier). Security Health Plan shall apply the new rates to the dates of service no later than 60 days after the date it receives the letter from the facility or Medicare effective date, whichever is later. Security Health Plan will not adjust the critical access hospital or rural health clinic's compensation retroactively unless the CMS rate letter indicates a decrease in reimbursement. In this instance, Security Health Plan will reprocess claims back to the effective date of that CMS rate letter.

The facility should send a copy of its most recent rate letter from CMS by fax to 715-221-9874 or by email to Christina Rozumialski, Government Policy and Reimbursement Specialist at rozumialski.christina@securityhealth.org