

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

Security Health Plan's reimbursement for critical access hospitals, swing beds and/or rural health clinics' 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 beds and rural health clinics to provide Security Health Plan with their CMS rate letter no less than every twelve (12) months or within thirty (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 sixty (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](mailto:rozumialski.christina@securityhealth.org).