

Sequestration Rate Reinstatement

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Overview

As of December 2021, the 2% sequestration payment adjustment for all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) claims has been suspended until 3/31/2022, at which point a 1% adjustment would be active through 6/30/2022. The full 2% amount would then be applied starting 7/1/2022.

This document details how to update the Medicare Insurance Rate tab to reflect the 2022 Sequester adjustments.

https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/outreach/ffsprovpartprogprovider-partnership-email-archive/2021-12-16-mlnc#_Toc90391082

Sequester Charge Code

In version 1.2.8.84 a new SEQUESTER charge code replaces the Initial PPS Claim Charge in the Insurance Rates tab for Medicare PPS payers.

The Sequester charge eliminates the need for separate Level of Care rates to handle sequestration for Medicare Hospice payers.

Medicare & Advantage Home Health Rates

Go to **File > File Maintenance > Entity**, press **Change Type** and set the radio button to **Insurance**. Press **Find** to search for and select the Medicare insurance. Go to the **Ins-Rate** Tab.

Select the appropriate row and press **Delete** to remove all Sequester lines EXCEPT for the record with the 98.00 Rate and an End-Date of 4/30/2020.

Then click the **Add** button to add the 1% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester
Start-Date: 4/1/2022
End-Date: 6/30/2022
Type: P
Rate: 99.00 (indicates 99% covered)
Allow: checked

Click the **Add** button again to add the 2% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester
Start-Date: 7/1/2022
End-Date: 12/31/2099
Type: P
Rate: 98.00 (indicates 98% covered)
Allow: checked

Save your changes and repeat the steps for Medicare Advantage PPS/PDGM payers.

Example:

| Charge-Description | Charge-Code | Start-Date | End-Date | Type | Rate | Allow |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Sequester | SEQUESTER | 4/1/2013 | 4/30/2020 | P | 98.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sequester | SEQUESTER | 4/1/2022 | 6/30/2022 | P | 99.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sequester | SEQUESTER | 7/1/2022 | 12/31/2099 | P | 98.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Medicare Hospice Rates

Go to **File > File Maintenance > Entity**, press **Change Type** and set the radio button to **Insurance**. Press **Find** to search for and select the Medicare Hospice insurance. Go to the **Ins-Rate** Tab.

Select the appropriate row and press **Delete** to remove all the Level of Care lines EXCEPT for the 100% Rate records. Remove the End-Date for the 100% record. The Start-Date for the 100% record must be on or prior to the date claims were first billed in this software. Do the same for the HOSPICESIA charge rates.

Note: Do not change the dates or rates for the Blanket Rate or Room & Board charges.

Click the **Add** button to add the pre-Covid Sequester rate if not already present:

Charge-Description: Sequester
 Start-Date: 1/1/2014
 End-Date: 4/30/2020
 Type: P
 Rate: 98.00 (indicates 98% covered)
 Allow: checked

Then click the **Add** button to add the 1% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester
 Start-Date: 4/1/2022
 End-Date: 6/30/2022
 Type: P
 Rate: 99.00 (indicates 99% covered)
 Allow: checked

Click the **Add** button again to add the 2% Sequester rate:

Charge-Description: Sequester
 Start-Date: 7/1/2022
 End-Date: 12/31/2099
 Type: P
 Rate: 98.00 (indicates 98% covered)
 Allow: checked

Example:

| Charge-Description | Charge-Code | Start-Date | End-Date | Type | Rate | Allow |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Blanket Proration | BLANKETRATE | 1/1/2014 | | F | 0.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Blanket Proration R&B | BLANKET10 | 1/1/2014 | | F | 0.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Continuous Home Care | CONTINUOUS | 1/1/2014 | | P | 100.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Inpatient Home Care | INPATIENT | 1/1/2014 | | P | 100.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Respite Home Care | RESPITE | 1/1/2014 | | P | 100.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Routine Home Care | ROUTINE | 1/1/2014 | | P | 100.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sequester | SEQUESTER | 1/1/2014 | 4/30/2020 | P | 98.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sequester | SEQUESTER | 4/1/2022 | 6/30/2022 | P | 99.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sequester | SEQUESTER | 7/1/2022 | 12/31/2099 | P | 98.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Service Intensity Add-on | HOSPICESIA | 1/1/2016 | | P | 100.00 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Review the Hospice LOC Report and Billing Audits to confirm the expected rates are present prior to posting.

Contact Support for assistance if needed.