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HEALTH AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)

SUBJECT: **Calendar Year 2024 Direct Care Inpatient Room and Board Billing Rates and Guidance**

The attached document contains the Department of Defense (DoD) Uniform Business Office (UBO) Calendar Year (CY) 2024 **Direct Care Direct Care Inpatient Room and Board Billing Rates and Guidance**. These rates are effective October 1, 2024. Please post this package to the Comptroller's website, (<https://comptroller.defense.gov/Financial-Management/Reports/rates2024/>) as "CY 2024 Direct Care Inpatient Room and Board Billing Rates."

The room and board rates are a direct result of the previous fiscal year's costs associated with providing care at the inpatient level, and do not include medications, supplies, procedures performed, or any additional expenses other than providing a room and bed for the beneficiary. The room and board rates are a weighted average calculated by dividing total inpatient costs less the cost exclusions by averaged occupied bed days for each geographic region in order to assign MTFs a weighted value by total number of bed days within a geographic region.

The attached rates are to be used when billing for medical services furnished to inpatients at military medical treatment facilities (MTFs). These rates are billed in conjunction with Itemized Resource Utilization-based (IRU) rates. The methodology for IRU-based rates is authorized and outlined in title 32 Code of Federal Regulations, section 220.8. The IRU billing rates are developed from the cost to provide inpatient and ambulatory institutional healthcare resources to patients. As of January 13, 2024, all sites transitioned to the new billing system and will no longer utilize ASA billing rates.

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