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### Hospice News: CMS Issues Medicaid Payment Rates

Hospices waiting for official notice of Medicaid rates will find they look very familiar, since they are almost the same as Medicare rates. See the rates -- \$153.65 (Routine Home Care), \$895.91 (Continuous Home Care), \$167.07 (Inpatient Respite Care), and \$682.59 (General Inpatient Care) -- in a Sept. 7 CMS memo at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/Downloads/hospicerates2013.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/Hospice/Downloads/hospicerates2013.pdf). The Inpatient Respite Care rate varies the most in comparison with Medicare rates for fiscal year 2013, which are in a transmittal at [www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2497CP.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2497CP.pdf). Rates took effect Oct. 1.