

Medicare Discharge Notice Projected Costs

Department	Description	FTE Hours per week	Cost per	Cost per Week	Cost per Year	Known Total
						\$117,417.96
Case Management	Admin staffing for delivery, signing, copy and filing of discharge notice records. Seven days per week, 5-6 hours per day	40	\$12.95	\$518.00	\$26,936.00	
	Pager for CM Admin			? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Cell Phone for CM Admin			? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Social Worker — additional FTE 8 hours Sunday	8	\$28.86	\$230.88	\$12,005.76	
	RN On-Call hours for weekends	16	\$3.75	\$60.00	\$3,120.00	
	RN on-site for weekend appeals at tiem and a half	6	\$52.5	\$315.00	\$16,380.00	
	Long Distance charges to reach family members of incompetent or sedated patients			? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Expedited mailing with return receipt as required by Medicare	5	\$5.50	\$27.50	\$1,430.00	
	Printing and Copying — Estimate 700 forms per month, plus copying records for Qualis	175	\$0.18	\$31.85	\$1,656.20	
	Translation services via phone — per minute		\$1.25	? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Translation services in person — per hour		\$30.00	? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Translation services for written forms (expect needs for Russian, Korean, Viet Nameese, Spanish). CMS may provide Spanish			? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Postage and printing on 450 letters mailed to medical staff with privileges	450	\$1.00		\$450.00	
	Case Management Total					\$61,977.96
Nursing	Charge Nurse time for After Hours, unexpected discharges	10	\$45.00	\$450.00	\$23,400.00	
	Unit Secretary time for After Hours, unexpected discharges	10	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$10,400.00	
	Weekend Huddle — RN time	10	\$40.00	\$400.00	\$20,800.00	
	Training for Charge Nurses and Supervisors	20	\$42.00		\$840.00	
	Nursing resources for expected extension of Length of Stay due to patient appeals			? Unknown	? Unknown	
	Nursing Total					\$55,440.00
Patient Accounting	Tracking over-turned post-appeal stay days for billing to patients					? Unknown
	Tracking appeal days approved for write-off to DRG					? Unknown
	Tracking uncollectable debt due to over-turned post-appeal days billed to patients					? Unknown
General Consid-erations	Length of Stay resources for patients who choose to stay during the appeal process: Nursing, Floor staff, PT/OT/ ST/RT, medications, radiation or chemo that would otherwise have been delivered outpatient					? Unknown
	Diversions up due to fewer available beds — increased staffing to locate diversion beds because other hospitals will be in the same situation.					? Unknown
	Transportation costs (ambulance, guerney services, cabulance) due to increased number of diversions					? Unknown
	Low collection rate on post-appeal days billed to Medicare patients					? Unknown
	Increased LOS against the same DRG reimbursement — stays not long enough to qualify for outlier payments					? Unknown