



**To:** Skilled Nursing Facilities  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
**Date:** April 1, 2020  
**Subject:** **URGENT: SNF Billing & Rates for Confirmed COVID-19 Admissions**

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To preserve the safety of Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Members, Providers, and the Community, IEHP is seeking partnership with Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) to provide services for COVID-19 positive IEHP Members.

Through collaboration, we can ensure acute inpatient beds are reserved for the expected surge of COVID-19 positive admissions requiring advanced acute care. IEHP asks that SNFs retain any resident that is COVID-19 positive and exhibiting mild to moderate symptoms, not requiring acute care, in the SNF.

If your facility would like to partner with IEHP as a Center of Excellence (COE) for COVID-19, or you would like more information about becoming a COE for COVID-19, please contact Daniel Vargas ([Vargas-D@iehp.org](mailto:Vargas-D@iehp.org)).

**SNFs MUST notify IEHP of all COVID-19 admissions and isolation status via the current Post-Acute process. IEHP will issue authorization upon notification of isolation status.**

**Effective immediately, IEHP has implemented a REV Code and Per Diem for all admissions with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis.**

**Billing Instructions:**

- For confirmed COVID-19 admissions, SNFs should bill IEHP with REV Code 0164 and the appropriate COVID-19 diagnosis code.
- IEHP will reimburse REV Code 0164 at a per diem rate of \$800, for Members in isolation.
- Increased per diem requires use of PPE and appropriate clinical staffing.
- This REV Code and per diem rate will expire on December 31, 2020.

\*\* IEHP Contracting Department will provide an amendment to your existing agreement for the above COVID-19 services.

IEHP reserves the right to perform retro review of claims and recoup improper payments. IEHP reserves the right to update the terms of this process at any time, with immediate effect.

As a reminder, all communications sent by IEHP can also be found on our Provider portal at: [www.iehp.org](http://www.iehp.org) > For Providers > Plan Updates > Correspondence.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Relations Team at (909) 890-2054.