

**TO: AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania Community HealthChoices
Nursing Facility Providers**

DATE: September 28, 2020

SUBJECT: BILLING FOR RESPITE DAYS – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

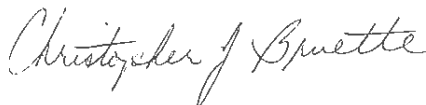
Effective **January 1, 2021**, AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania (PA) Community HealthChoices (CHC) will require respite days to be billed based on the information below. Respite services will be paid at the contracted facility daily per diem rate.

- Respite services must be billed on a **CMS-1500 claim form** or submitted in an **835P format** when submitting electronically.
- Respite services should be billed with **HCPC code S5150**.
- Code S5150 is a 15 minute increment code. Bill four (4) units for every hour of respite care. The maximum number of units per day is 96.
- Bill each day of respite care on a separate line on CMS-1500 claim form. Reimbursement will be the same as the facility's per diem rate.

As a reminder, the most up-to-date Nursing Facility Billing Guide can be found under 'Additional billing information' on our website at: <https://www.amerhealthcaritaschc.com/provider/claims-billing/index.aspx>.

Please contact AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC Provider Services at **1-800-521-6007** or your Provider Account Executive with any questions about this notice. Thank you for the care and services you provide to AmeriHealth Caritas PA CHC Participants.

Sincerely,



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