



2021 Medicare Deductibles, Co-Insurance, and KX Modifier Thresholds

Effective January 1, 2021, the Medicare Part A co-insurance increased to \$185.50/day for Skilled Nursing days 21-100; the Medicare Part B deductible increased to \$203.00; and the KX modifier threshold increased to \$2,100 for OT and \$2,100 for PT/SLP combined. Medicare is continuing with the Medical Review threshold for therapy provided over the KX modifier threshold. The new Medical Review threshold amount is \$3,000 for OT and \$3,000 for PT/SLP combined and will continue until calendar year 2028. [Click here](#) for more information about the new 2021 rates. [Use this link](#) to read more about the updated threshold amounts.

Health and Human Services Extends Public Health Emergency

Effective January 21, 2021, the Public Health Emergency related to COVID-19 has been extended another 90 days. The extension of the Public Health Emergency also extends the Qualifying Hospital Stay waiver and the 100-day benefit period waiver for another 90 days. [Read the declaration of the extension.](#)

AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast Announces Changes

AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast announced a change in name to AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania. This change also includes a change in the electronic payer ID for billing purposes. Effective January 1, 2021, the payer ID for AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast changed from 77001 to 22248. Providers should ensure that their electronic payer ID is updated to account for this change. [Click here](#) to read the AmeriHealth Caritas announcement.

Medicare 2% Sequestration Suspension Extended through March

CMS previously suspended the Medicare 2% sequestration as a part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. That was previously effective on May 1, 2020 and was set to expire on December 31, 2020. CMS made the decision to continue the suspension of the 2% sequestration through March 31, 2021. [Find a special edition of the CMS MLN here.](#)

RKL is acutely aware of the serious strain the COVID-19 emergency has had on skilled nursing providers. Any providers who are experiencing difficulty navigating the ever-changing waivers, experiencing issues with cash flow or have questions regarding the clinical aspect of the COVID-19 emergency are encouraged to contact an RKL Senior Living Partner – [Stefanie Knaub](#), [Stephanie Kessler](#) or [Jeffrey Boland](#) – for assistance.

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