



**To:** Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)  
**From:** IEHP – Provider Relations  
**Date:** January 5, 2022  
**Subject:** **Extending SNF COVID-19 Per Diem Rate**

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To preserve the safety of our Members, Providers, and Community, **effective January 1, 2022, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) will extend the SNF COVID-19 per diem rate.**

The SNF COVID-19 per diem program termination was originally set for 12/31/2021; however, IEHP has extended this program through the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE).

IEHP asks that SNFs retain any resident who is COVID-19 positive and exhibiting mild to moderate symptoms, not requiring acute care.

**Billing Instructions:**

**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.**

- 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 at the end of the PHE.

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 or (866) 223-4347.