**TO:** NDMS Partners

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**SUBJECT:**  Summary of Changes to NDMS Partner Healthcare Facility MOA (2023)

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The NDMS Partner Healthcare Memorandum of Agreement signed in 2018 has been revised and updated, replacing certain elements of the document. Please see the below summary for changes made to the newly signed (2023) edition.

1. **PURPOSE**
   1. **Section A:** Changed from “ …to provide health services, health-related social services, other appropriate human services, and appropriate auxiliary services to respond to the needs of victims of a public health emergency and (ii) be present at locations, and for limited periods of time, when such locations are at risk of a public health emergency during the time specified” to “ …to provide health services health-related social services, other appropriate human services, and appropriate auxiliary services to respond to the needs of victims of a public health emergency, including at-risk individuals, as applicable”
   2. **Section B:** Changed from “This agreement is to help ensure that the United States is prepared to respond medically to mass casualty emergency situations in this country or to a military health emergency by facilitating a coordinated response of both Federal and civilian health care facilities” to “In response to a large or catastrophic public health and/or military health emergency, victims of such events may need to receive definitive healthcare in non-federal or private sector healthcare facilities. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a formal relationship between the NDMS and NDMS partner healthcare facilities to ensure a network is in place to provide care for NDMS federal patients, which may include military casualties, requiring additional or complex care unavailable within the affected area due to a natural, man-made disaster, military health emergency, or other public health emergency.”
   3. **Section C: removed**
2. **RESPONSIBILITIES: Compared to the 2018 model which identifies combined responsibilities, the 2023 model now outlines the language by category as follows:**
   1. Section A: NDMS Partner Healthcare Facilities
   2. Section B: NDMS Federal Partners
3. **REIMBURSEMENTS:**
   1. Any Participating Partner Healthcare Facility Reimbursable Rates Under Medicare Part A- Patient Insurance Status (page 7 of 2023 edition addendum)
      1. **Uninsured**- Changed from “Covered at 110% Medicare Rate” to “125% of Medicare Part A rate”
      2. **Medicaid**- Changed from “Covered at110% Medicare Rate” to “125% of Medicare Part A rate”
      3. **Other insurance program or health program coverage (other than Medicaid, Medicare, or TRICARE)-** Changed from “NDMS for balance not to exceed 11-% Medicare Rate” and “Covered at 110% of Medicare rate when combined with private insurance” (column 2 and 3) to “NDM will pay remaining amount not to exceed 125% of Medicare Part A. Facility will submit Explanation of Benefits (EOB) to NDMS in order to receive the 25% Administration Fee.”
      4. **Medicare-** Changed from “Not eligible” to “NDMS will pay remaining amount not to exceed 125% of Medicare Part A. Facility will submit Explanation of Benefits (EOB) to NDMS in order to receive 25% Administration Fee.”
   2. **(Addition on addendum page 8 of the 2023 edition)** Table 2: Individual Healthcare Provider Reimbursable under Medicare Part B
      1. **See all elements**
   3. **Sections G-L** contain the same language as indicated in the 2018 model, with different organization for ease of reading. No additions.
4. **SIGNATORY FOR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**
   1. **For the NDMS Federal Partners (VA or DOD Representative)**
      1. Indicates specific request if it is DOD or VA representative recruiting the facility as acknowledgement of the partnership and FCC assigned.
5. **ADDENDUM- ADDITIONAL FACILITIES (PAGE 10)**
   1. This section is for healthcare systems that have more than one facility location interested in signing them to the MOA.