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Section 51543@ Out-of-State Hospital Inpatient Services Reimbursement

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Out-of-state hospital inpatient services which have been certified for payment at the acute level and which are either of an emergency nature or for which prior Medi-Cal authorization has been obtained, shall be reimbursed the current statewide per diem average of contract rates for acute inpatient hospital services provided by California hospitals with at least 300 beds or the out-of-state hospital's actual billed charges, whichever is less. The term, "current," as used in this paragraph means the most recent per diem average as of December 1 of the prior calendar year of the contract rates for California hospitals with at least 300 beds that the California Medical Assistance Commission has reported to the Legislature pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14165.9. Therefore, the average per diem contract rate in effect on December 1 in a particular calendar year for California contract hospitals with at least 300 beds shall be the maximum rate paid to out-of-state hospitals for dates of service beginning January 1 of the following calendar year.