

U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

4. MONDACA AVILA, Sigi Alfredo (Latin: MONDACA ÁVILA, Sigi Alfredo), Mexico; DOB 09 Jan 1985; POB Sinaloa, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; citizen Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. MOAS850109HSLNVG09 (Mexico); RFC MOAS850109DN7 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

5. RIVERA SANDOVAL, Hector Librado (Latin: RIVERA SANDOVAL, Héctor Librado), La Playita, Sinaloa, Sinaloa, Mexico; DOB 03 Jun 1982; POB Sinaloa, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. RISH820603HSLVNC07 (Mexico); RFC RISH820603V75 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing financial support for or to, or providing services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

6. RUELAS AVILA, Jesus Angel (Latin: RUELAS ÁVILA, Jesús Ángel), C 14 S/N, Loc Genaro Estrada, Sinaloa, Sinaloa 81960, Mexico; DOB 01 Nov 1988; POB Sinaloa, Sinaloa, Mexico; citizen Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. RUAJ881101HSLLV01 (Mexico); RFC RUAJ881101824 (Mexico); I.F.E. RLAVJS88110125H400 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

7. RUELAS AVILA, Jose Luis (Latin: RUELAS ÁVILA, José Luis), C 14 S/N, Loc Genaro Estrada, Sinaloa, Sinaloa 81960, Mexico; DOB 11 Mar 1981; POB Sinaloa, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; R.F.C. RUAL810311933 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. RUAL810311HSLLV02 (Mexico); I.F.E. RLAVLS81031125H800 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to

section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

8. RUELAS AVILA, Joel Efre (Latin: RUELAS ÁVILA, Joel Efre), Calle 10 Sin Numero, Localidad Genaro Estrada, Sinaloa, Mexico; DOB 20 Sep 1978; POB Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; R.F.C. RUAJ780920C10 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. RUAJ780920HSLLV02 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing financial support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION and Jose Luis RUELAS TORRES. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION and Jose Luis RUELAS TORRES.

9. RUELAS AVILA, Leobardo (Latin: RUELAS ÁVILA, Leobardo), Mexico; DOB 12 Mar 1976; POB Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; R.F.C. RUAL760312310 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. RUAL760312HSLLV06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

10. RUELAS TORRES, Jose Luis (Latin: RUELAS TORRES, José Luis), P 112, Genaro Estrada, Sinaloa, Mexico; DOB 10 Sep 1953; POB Choix, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; R.F.C. RUTL5309103B6 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. RUTL530910HSLLR07 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Identified pursuant to section 805(b)(1) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(1) as a significant foreign narcotics trafficker.

11. RUELAS TORRES, Gilberto, Mexico; DOB 05 May 1966; POB Guasave, Sinaloa, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; R.F.C. RUTG660505CH4 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. RUTG660505HSLLR02 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] (Linked To: RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION). Designated pursuant to section 805(b)(2) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(2), for materially assisting in, or providing services in support of, the

international narcotics trafficking activities of the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION. Also designated pursuant to section 805(b)(3) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(3), being directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, the RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION.

#### Entity

1. RUELAS TORRES DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION, Sinaloa, Mexico [SDNTK]. Identified pursuant to section 805(b)(1) of the Kingpin Act, 21 U.S.C. 1904(b)(1) as a significant foreign narcotics trafficker.

Dated: May 24, 2017.

**Andrea M. Gacki,**

*Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Reasonable Charges for Inpatient MS-DRGs and SNF Medical Services; v3.22, Fiscal Year 2018 Update

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document updates the acute inpatient and the skilled nursing facility (SNF)/sub-acute inpatient facility charges. The updated charges are based on the 2018 Medicare severity diagnosis related groups (MS-DRG).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Romona Greene, Office of Community Care, Revenue Operations, Payer Relations and Services, Rates and Charges (10D1C1), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 382-2521. (This is not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 17.101 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) sets forth the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical regulations concerning “Reasonable Charges” for medical care or services provided or furnished by VA to a veteran: For a nonservice-connected disability for which the veteran is entitled to care (or the payment of expenses of care) under a health plan contract; for a nonservice-connected disability incurred incident to the veteran’s employment and covered under a worker’s compensation law or plan that provides reimbursement or indemnification for such care and services; or, for a nonservice-connected disability incurred as a result of a motor vehicle accident in a State that requires automobile accident reparations insurance. The methodologies for

establishing billed amounts for several types of charges are found in 38 CFR 17.101; however, this notice will only address the acute inpatient and the SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility charges.

Based on the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(b), this notice updates the acute inpatient facility charges that were based on the 2017 MS-DRGs. Acute inpatient facility charges by MS-DRGs are posted on the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Community Care's Web site, at [www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue\\_ops/payer\\_rates.asp](http://www.va.gov/communitycare/revenue_ops/payer_rates.asp), under the "Reasonable Charges Data Tables" section, Inpatient Data Table, as Table A (v3.19). This Table A corresponds to the Table A referenced in 81 FR 62977, September 13, 2016. Table A referenced in this notice is v3.22, which provides updated charges based on the 2018 MS-DRGs, will replace Table A (v3.19) posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site.

Also, this document updates the SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility all-inclusive per diem charge using the methodologies set forth in 38 CFR 17.101(c) and this charge is adjusted by a geographic area factor that is based on the location where the care is provided. For the geographic area factors, see Table N, Acute Inpatient, and Table O, SNF, on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site under the v3.21 link in the "Reasonable Charges Data Tables" section. Tables N and O are not being

updated by this notice. The SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge is posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site under the "Reasonable Charges Data Tables" section, Table B (v3.19). This Table B corresponds to the Table B referenced in 81 FR 62977, September 13, 2016. Table B referenced in this notice is v3.22, which provides an update to the all-inclusive nationwide SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility per diem charge and will replace Table B posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site.

The charges in this notice for acute inpatient and SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility services are effective October 1, 2017.

This notice is retaining the table designations used for acute inpatient facility charges by MS-DRGs, which is posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site under "Reasonable Charges Data Tables." This notice is also retaining the table designation used for SNF/sub-acute inpatient facility charges, which is also posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site. Accordingly, the tables identified as being updated by this notice correspond to the applicable tables referenced in 81 FR 62977, September 13, 2016.

The list of data sources presented in Supplementary Table 1 (v3.22) reflects the updated data sources used to establish the updated charges described in this notice, and will be posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web

site under the "Reasonable Charges Data Sources" section.

The list of VA medical facility locations is also updated. In Supplementary Table 3, posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site under the VA Medical Facility Locations section, VA set forth the list of VA medical facility locations, which includes the first three digits of their zip codes and provider-based/non-provider-based designations.

Consistent with VA's regulations, the updated data tables and supplementary tables containing the changes described in this notice will be posted on the VHA Office of Community Care's Web site, under the "Payer Rates and Charges" information section.

### Signing Authority

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs, approved this document on September 19, 2017, for publication.

Dated: September 19, 2017.

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