

**Sec. 17b-262-556. Payment**

(a) Payment shall be made at the lowest of:

- (1) the provider's usual and customary charge to the general public;
- (2) the lowest Medicare rate;
- (3) the amount in the applicable fee schedule as published by the department;
- (4) the amount billed by the provider; or
- (5) the lowest price charged or accepted for the same or substantially similar goods or services by the provider from any person or entity.

**(b) Payment Rate**

(1) The commissioner establishes the fees contained in the natureopath's fee schedule pursuant to section 4-67c of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(2) Payment rates, as established by the commissioner, are the same for in- and out-of-state providers.

**(c) Payment Limitations**

The fee issued by the department for visits to a home, hospital, nursing facility, rest home, home for the aged, boarding home, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) shall include payment for travel and all such incidental expenses.

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