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TO: 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waiver Providers

FROM: Lisa D. Lee, Commissioner 

DATE: June 5, 2024

RE: Waiver Reimbursement Rates

Dear Providers,

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS or Department) is reaching out to provide important updates related to reimbursement rates for services delivered to individuals enrolled in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

DMS performed a rate study to comply with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rules and ensure providers continue to receive reimbursement equal to or greater than their current rates that were approved through Appendix K. The rate study was designed to collect and review data to develop benchmark rates based on observed reasonable and justifiable costs incurred by providers to deliver services. Proposed rates reflect a reasonable expectation to reimburse the direct and indirect costs providers experience.

The rate study relied on a robust provider survey response, a variety of state and federal data sources, and stakeholder feedback, including:

- Publicly available data (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, etc.)
- Historical Medicaid Claims and Enrollment Data
- Qualitative feedback from monthly Stakeholder Workgroup sessions (waiver providers and association representatives, state agency representatives, and state legislators) and service-focused breakout sessions (Behavioral, Case Management, Day Services, and Residential).

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After careful consideration and deliberation, the Department decided and the General Assembly funded an increase to 70% of the benchmark rates established by the rate study. If current rates exceeded the 70% threshold, the rates remained the same. The enclosed rate sheet outlines new rates for services by waiver. The new rates are contingent upon the submission of an amended waiver application and CMS approval.

Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information related to the rate study and newly established rates for HCBS waivers.

cc: Victoria Elridge
Katie Marks

Proposed HCBS Rates - May 2024

The following services were not included in the rate study because they are limit-based:

Community Transition, Environmental Modifications, Family Training, Goods and Services, Natural Supports Training, Specialized Medical Equipment, and Vehicle Adaptation.

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Service - Waiver	Current Rates	New Rate Equal to or Greater Than Current Rate or 70% of Benchmark
Home-Based Services		
Attendant Care - HCB	\$7.26	\$7.26
Attendant Care - MPW	\$3.51	\$6.36
Community Access, Individual - SCL	\$10.65	\$10.65
Community Access, Group - SCL	\$5.32	\$5.32
Community Guide - SCL	\$10.65	\$10.65
Community Living Supports - ABI LTC	\$6.73	\$6.73
Community Living Supports - MPW	\$6.70	\$6.70
Companion - ABI-Acute	\$6.73	\$6.73
Homemaker - MPW	\$7.87	\$7.87
Personal Assistance - SCL	\$7.37	\$7.37
Personal Care - ABI-Acute	\$6.73	\$6.73
Personal Care - MPW	\$9.08	\$9.08
Non-Specialized Respite - HCB	\$3.33	\$5.92
Specialized Respite, Level I - HCB	\$4.84	\$5.92
Specialized Respite, Level II - HCB	\$12.10	\$12.10
Respite - ABI-Acute	\$4.84	\$5.92
Respite - ABI LTC	\$4.84	\$5.92
Respite - MPW	\$3.69	\$5.92
Respite - SCL	\$3.69	\$5.92
Day Services		
Adult Day Health Care - ABI LTC	\$3.86	\$3.86
Adult Day Health Care - MPW	\$3.33	\$3.82
Adult Day Health Care, Level I - HCB	\$3.42	\$3.82
Adult Day Health Care, Level II - HCB	\$4.15	\$4.15
Adult Day Training - ABI-Acute	\$4.88	\$4.88
Adult Day Training - ABI LTC	\$4.88	\$4.88
Adult Day Training - MPW	\$3.33	\$3.62
Adult Day Training - SCL	\$2.93	\$3.62
Day Training, Licensed Adult Day Health Center - SCL	\$3.99	\$3.99
Behavioral Services		
Behavioral Support Service - MPW	\$40.23	\$40.23
Behavioral Programming Services - ABI-Acute	\$40.67	\$40.67
Behavioral Programming Services - ABI LTC	\$40.31	\$40.31
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Counseling, Individual) - SCL	\$29.95	\$29.95
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Dietary) - SCL	\$29.95	\$29.95
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Behavioral) - SCL	\$29.95	\$29.95
Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Services (Functional Assessment) - SCL	\$29.95	\$29.95
Counseling, Individual - ABI-Acute	\$28.85	\$28.85
Counseling, Individual - ABI LTC	\$28.85	\$28.85
Counseling, Group - ABI-Acute	\$6.96	\$6.96
Counseling, Group - ABI LTC	\$6.96	\$6.96

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Home-Based Services		
Person-Centered Coaching - SCL	\$7.66	\$7.66
Positive Behavior Support Plan - SCL	\$36.88	\$36.88
Nursing		
Nursing Supports - ABI LTC	\$30.25	\$30.25
Skilled Services LPN - MIIW	\$29.10	\$46.33
Skilled Services RN - MIIW	\$31.98	\$63.97
Skilled Services RT - MIIW	\$27.42	\$53.42
Residential Services		
Supervised Residential Care, Level I - ABI-Acute	\$300.00	\$300.00
Supervised Residential Care, Level I - ABI LTC	\$300.00	\$300.00
Supervised Residential Care, Level II - ABI-Acute	\$225.00	\$225.00
Supervised Residential Care, Level II - ABI LTC	\$225.00	\$225.00
Supervised Residential Care, Level III - ABI-Acute	\$112.50	\$112.50
Supervised Residential Care, Level III - ABI LTC	\$112.50	\$112.50
Residential Support, Level I, 4-8 residents - SCL	\$215.09	\$215.09
Residential Support, Level I, 3 or less residents - SCL	\$284.57	\$284.57
Residential Support, Level II, 12+ hours supervision - SCL	\$188.59	\$198.70
Residential Support, Level II, Less than 12 hours supervision - SCL	\$105.15	\$129.91
Shared Living - SCL	\$726.00	\$726.00
Technology Assisted Residential - SCL	\$105.15	\$105.15
Case Management		
Case Management - ABI-Acute	\$525.14	\$525.14
Case Management - ABI LTC	\$453.75	\$453.75
Case Management - MPW	\$242.00	\$425.92
Case Management - SCL	\$425.92	\$425.92
Case Management - HCB	\$121.00	\$425.92
PDS Case Management - ABI-Acute	\$453.75	\$453.75
PDS Case Management - ABI LTC	\$453.75	\$453.75
PDS Case Management - MPW	\$320.65	\$425.92
PDS Case Management - HCB	\$196.63	\$425.92
Supported Employment Services		
Supported Employment - ABI-Acute	\$9.66	\$10.54
Supported Employment - ABI LTC	\$9.66	\$10.54
Supported Employment - MPW	\$6.70	\$10.54
Supported Employment - SCL	\$13.65	\$13.65
Other Services		
Financial Management Services - ABI-Acute	\$121.00	\$121.00
Financial Management Services - ABI LTC	\$121.00	\$121.00
Financial Management Services - MPW	\$121.00	\$121.00
Financial Management Services - SCL	\$121.00	\$121.00
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Home-Based Services		
Home-Delivered Meals - HCB	\$9.08	\$9.08
Transportation - SCL	\$320.65	\$320.65