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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services

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TO: WV Medicaid Private Duty Nursing Services Providers

FROM: Cynthia Beane, Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner *CB*

DATE: 11/01/2021

SUBJECT: Temporary Rate Increase for Private Duty Nursing Services

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021. Section 9817 of ARPA provides States with a temporary ten percentage point increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). States must use funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the increased FMAP to implement activities that enhance, expand, or strengthen Medicaid HCBS.

West Virginia is directing the majority of its ARPA funds to assist provider agencies with the recruitment and retention of direct-care workers. This is critical as COVID-19 continues to significantly impact the availability of direct-care workers in HCBS programs.

The rate for T1000 Private Duty Nursing Services is increased by 70% to \$18.73 per 15-minute unit effective July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Retroactive payments (ad pays) for paid claims with dates of service of July 1 to September 30 are currently being issued by Gainwell. Managed Care companies will notify agencies regarding details of their rate increase payments.

Provider agencies will be required to attest in writing that at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the rate increase will be passed on to the nursing staff that provide T1000 services in the form of compensation increases as well as other incentives which may include but are not limited to retention bonuses, hiring bonuses, raises in wages, and increased benefit packages.

Agency directors, administrators, board members, clerical workers and other staff that do not directly provide billable services are not eligible for increased compensation/incentives from the 85% pass-through funds. However, agencies have discretion for the use of the remaining 15% of the rate increase, including increased compensation/incentives for non-nursing staff if doing so enhances, expands or strengthens HCBS.

BMS appreciates your continued dedication and efforts to provide needed supports to West Virginia's most vulnerable populations during this challenging time.

If you have questions regarding the rate increase or any information in this memo, please contact Randy Hill at (304) 352-4301 randall.k.hill@wv.gov.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ATTESTATION

My signature below acknowledges that I have read and understand the information and requirements addressed in this memo, including that 85% of the referenced payment increases will be passed on to Private Duty Nursing Staff in the form of compensation increases and other incentives. Further, my signature attests that the agency will comply with the terms and conditions of receiving said funds and will report any discrepancies to the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services.

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