



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Medical Services

Bill J. Crouch
Cabinet Secretary

Cynthia E. Beane
Commissioner

TO: Licensed Behavioral Health Center Providers

FROM: Cynthia Parsons
Director of Behavioral Health and Long-Term Care Services

DATE: November 7, 2022

RE: Temporary Rate Increases for Direct-Care Services

This memo addresses the temporary rate increases that were announced by Governor Justice and Secretary Crouch on September 9, 2022. As indicated in the announcement, the increase in funding is to help recruit and retain the direct-care workforce needed to provide Behavioral Health Services.

As was required with the previous ARPA rate increases, provider agencies will be required to attest in writing that a minimum of 85% of these rate increases will be passed on to direct-care workers in the form of wage increases, bonuses and/or increased benefits. Costs incurred by the provider agencies that are a direct result of these compensation increases may be counted toward their 85% pass-through, i.e., the amount that FICA and other payroll taxes increase due to an increase in direct-care workers' wages. Agencies have until March 31, 2025, to expend these and the previous ARPA rate increases.

The 85% pass-through must benefit workers that provide/bill for the services that are receiving the rate increases but may also include workers that provide other Medicaid and state-funded direct-care services. Workers in facility-based programs are not eligible to be included in the 85% pass-through.

Please bill using the regular/lower rates for dates of service up to September 30, 2022. This will allow BMS to issue supplemental payments—ad pays—for paid claims with dates of service from July 1 to September 30, 2022. Agencies may begin submitting claims with the increased rates for dates of service on/after October 1, 2022. The rate increases have not yet been loaded into Gainwell's system but claims that are partially paid at the regular rate will be reprocessed so that agencies will not be required to reverse and rebill for partially paid claims.

Program	Service	Service Code	Unit	Current Rate	Rate Increase	Effective Dates for Rate Increase
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Supportive Individual	H0004	15 min	\$17.77	\$30.20	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Professional, Individual	H0004HO	15 min	\$32.38	\$55.05	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Professional, Group	H0004HOHQ	15 min	\$6.93	\$11.78	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Behavioral Health Counseling Supportive Group	H0004HQ	15 min	\$5.04	\$8.57	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Mental Health Assessment by a Non-Physician	H0031	15 min	\$151.20	\$257.04	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Mental Health Service Plan Development	H0032	15 min	\$20.98	\$35.66	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Mental Health Service Plan Development by Psychologist	H0032AH	15 min	\$37.80	\$64.26	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Community Psychiatric Support Services CSU	H0036	15 min	\$16.88	\$28.70	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Assertive Community Treatment ACT	H0040	Per calendar day	\$77.60	\$131.91	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Comprehensive Medication Services	H2010	15 min	\$19.11	\$32.49	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Crisis Intervention	H2011	15 min	\$20.90	\$35.52	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Skills Training 1:2-4 by Professional	H2014HNU1	15 min	\$10.45	\$17.77	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Skills Training 1:1 by Professional	H2014HNU4	15 min	\$20.90	\$35.53	7/1/22-3/31/23
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LBHC	Skills Training 1:2-4 by Paraprofessional	H2014U1	15 min	\$5.25	\$8.93	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Skills Training 1:1 by Paraprofessional	H2014U4	15 min	\$10.50	\$17.85	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Comprehensive Community Support Services CFT	H2015U1	15 min	\$2.84	\$4.82	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Comprehensive Community Support Services CFT	H2015U2	15 min	\$3.34	\$5.68	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Therapeutic Behavioral Services -Implementation	H2019	15 min	\$10.40	\$17.67	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Therapeutic Behavioral Services -Development	H2019HO	15 min	\$26.99	\$45.87	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Targeted Case Management	T1017	15 min	\$15.07	\$25.61	7/1/22-3/31/23
LBHC	Peer Support Services	H0038	15 min	\$15.07	\$25.61	7/1/22-3/31/23

All rate increases are 70% above the regular rate for a nine-month period (7/1/22-3/31/23).

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 direct-care workers 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.

Agency Name and Address

CEO/President Printed Name

Printed Title

Signature

Date

Please return signed document by November 18, 2022, to Laura Radcliff, laura.g.radcliff@wv.gov 350 Capitol Street, Room 250, Charleston, WV 25301.