



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

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TO: Aged and Disabled Waiver (ADW) Agencies
Intellectual/Developmental Disability Waiver (IDDW) Agencies
Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW) Agencies
Children with Severe Emotional Disorders Waiver (CSEDW) Agencies
Personal Care (PC) Agencies

FROM: Randy Hill *RH*
Director of Home and Community-Based Services

DATE: November 2, 2022

RE: Temporary Rate Increases for Direct-Care Services

This memo is being issued due to an error in the memo dated October 28, 2022. The service codes for Personal Care Direct-Care Service have been corrected—they are T1019 and T1019 UK. I apologize for the error in the original memo. If your agency has already submitted a signed attestation, it is not necessary to submit another one.

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 Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS).

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 HCBS direct-care services. Workers in ICF/IID homes and other 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 or HHAExchange's EVV 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	Regular Rate	Temporary Increase	Effective Dates of Temporary Rate Increase
AD Waiver	Personal Attendant	S5130	\$4.73	\$7.10	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
AD Waiver	Personal Attendant – Live-in Worker	S5130 UK	\$4.73	\$7.10	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
TBI Waiver	Personal Attendant	S5125 UB	\$4.73	\$7.10	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
TBI Waiver	Personal Attendant – Live-in Worker	S5125 UB UK	\$4.73	\$7.10	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
CSED Waiver	Independent Living/Skills Building	H2033 HA	\$10.50	\$15.75	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
CSED Waiver	Job Development	H2021 HA	\$5.23	\$7.85	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
CSED Waiver	Peer Parent Support	H0038 HA	\$10.50	\$15.75	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
CSED Waiver	In-Home Respite	T1005 HA	\$5.26	\$7.89	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
CSED Waiver	Out-of-Home Respite	T1005 HA HE	\$5.26	\$7.89	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
CSED Waiver	Supported Employment	T2019 HA	\$5.26	\$7.89	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	In-Home Respite 1:1	T1005 UA	\$5.01	\$7.89	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	In-Home Respite 1:2	T1005 UB	\$2.50	\$3.94	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Home-Based PCS	S5125 U7	\$5.45	\$8.18	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Home-Based PCS	S5215 U8	\$2.73	\$4.10	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Crisis Site PCS	T1005 U7	\$5.72	\$8.58	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Crisis Site PCS	T1005 U8	\$2.87	\$4.31	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Crisis Site PCS	T1005 U9	\$1.91	\$2.87	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:1	S5125 U1	\$5.72	\$8.58	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:2	S5125 U2	\$2.87	\$4.31	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:3	S5125 U3	\$1.91	\$2.87	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:4	S5125 U4	\$1.43	\$2.15	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Unlicensed Residential PCS 1:1	S5125 HI	\$5.72	\$8.58	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Unlicensed Residential PCS 1:2	S5125 UN	\$2.87	\$4.31	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
IDD Waiver	Unlicensed Residential PCS 1:3	S5125 UP	\$1.91	\$2.87	7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023
Personal Care	Direct-Care Services	T1019	\$4.73	\$8.04	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023
Personal Care	Direct-Care Services Live-in Worker	T1019 UK	\$4.73	\$8.04	7/1/2022 to 3/31/2023

All rate increases are 50% above the regular rate for a twelve-month period except for Personal Care which is receiving a 70% increase for a nine-month period. Please note that the 50% rate increase for IDDW day services (Facility-Based Day Habilitation, Pre-Vocational Training, Job Development, and Supported Employment) remains in effect. IDDW day services agencies will be notified in advance of their rates returning to their regular amounts.

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.