



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

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Cabinet Secretary

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Commissioner

To: Aged and Disabled Waiver (ADW) Agencies
Intellectual/Developmental Disability Waiver (IDDW) Agencies
Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW) Agencies
Children with Serious Emotional Disorder Waiver (CSEDW) Agencies

DATE: September 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Temporary Rate Increases for Direct Care Services

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 increases the federal matching rate for Medicaid HCBS spending by 10 percentage points from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The law specifies that states must use the enhanced funds to “implement, or supplement the implementation of, one or more activities to enhance, expand, or strengthen” Medicaid HCBS.

West Virginia is directing the majority of its enhanced 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 Home and Community-Based (HCBS) programs.

The rates for direct-care services specified in the table below will be increased as indicated. Provider agencies will be required to attest in writing that at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the increased rate payments will be passed on to direct-care workers 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.

Program	Service	Service Code	Unit	Current Rate	Rate Increase	% of Increase	Effective Dates for Rate Increase
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home Person-Centered Support (PCS) 1:1	S5125 U1	15 min	\$5.45	\$8.18	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:2	S5125 U2	15 min	\$2.73	\$4.10	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:3	S5125 U3	15 min	\$1.82	\$2.73	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDD Waiver	Licensed Group Home PCS 1:4	S5125 U4	15 min	\$1.36	\$2.04	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDD Waiver	Unlicensed Residential PCS 1:1	S5125 HI	15 min	\$5.45	\$8.18	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDD Waiver	Unlicensed Residential PCS 1:2	S5125 UN	15 min	\$2.73	\$4.10	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022

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IDW Waiver	Unlicensed Residential PCS 1:3	S5125 UP	15 min	\$1.82	\$2.73	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDW Waiver	Crisis Site PCS 1:1	T1005 U7	15 min	\$5.45	\$8.18	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDW Waiver	Crisis Site PCS 1:2	T1005 U8	15 min	\$2.73	\$4.10	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
IDW Waiver	Crisis Site PCS 1:3	T1005 U9	15 min	\$1.82	\$2.73	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
AD Waiver	Personal Attendant	S5130	15 min	\$4.50	\$6.75	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
AD Waiver	Case Management	G9002 U1	PMPM	\$90.00	\$135.00	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
TBI Waiver	Personal Attendant	S5125 UB	15 min	\$4.50	\$6.75	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
TBI Waiver	Case Management	G9002 U2	PMPM	\$174.00	\$261.00	50%	4/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Wraparound Facilitation	T1016 HA	15 min	\$14.35	\$24.40	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Crisis Service: Mobile Response	H2017 HA	15 min	\$20.00	\$34.00	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Independent Living/Skills Building	G2033 HA	15 min	\$10.00	\$17.00	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	In-Home Family Support	H0004 HA	15 min	\$16.92	\$28.76	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Job Development	T2021 HA	15 min	\$4.98	\$8.47	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Supportive Employment, Individual	T2019 HA	15 min	\$5.01	\$8.52	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	In-Home Family Therapy	H0000 HO HA	15 min	\$30.84	\$52.43	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Respite Care, Out-of-Home	T1005 HA HE	15 min	\$5.01	\$8.52	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Respite Care, In-Home	T1005 HA	15 min	\$5.01	\$8.52	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022
CSED Waiver	Peer Parent Support	H0038 HA	15 min	\$10.00	\$17.00	70%	7/1/2021 to 3/31/2022

The increased rates for ADW, IDDW and TBIW will be in Gainwell’s system on 9/21/2021. Retroactive payments (ad pays) for these programs will automatically be issued by Gainwell for paid claims with dates of service between 4/1/2021 and 8/31/2021. ADW, IDDW and TBIW agencies are not to reverse and replace paid claims for which they have received ad pays. CSEDW agencies will notified by Aetna regarding details of their rate increase payments. Agencies that are not currently providing the above services are not eligible to receive the retroactive rate increases.

For the purposes of this effort to address the workforce shortage, the term “direct-care” includes all workers that provide a Medicaid reimbursable HCBS service to program members. In addition to increasing compensation and benefits for workers that provide the services listed above, a portion of the 85% of the increased rate payments may be used to increase compensation and benefits for workers that provide services

listed in the table below. Agencies have until 12/31/2024 to obligate the ARPA funds received through the increased rates. Agency directors, administrators, board members, clerical workers and other staff that do not regularly provide direct-care services are not eligible for increased compensation or benefits from the 85% of the increased rate payments.

Program	Service
IDWW	Case Management; Behavior Support Professional I & II, Skilled Nursing (LPN & RN); Facility-Based Day Habilitation; Job Development; Pre-vocational Training; Supported Employment; Home-based PCS; In- and Out-of-Home Respite; Dietary Therapy; Physical Therapy; Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy
ADW	Skilled Nursing
TBIW	N/A
CSEDW	N/A

If you have questions regarding the rate increases or other information in this memo, please contact Randy Hill, HCBS Director. Email: randall.k.hill@wv.gov Phone: 304-352-4301

Sincerely,

Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW
Commissioner

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 October 15, 2021 to Laura Radcliff, laura.g.radcliff@wv.gov 350 Capitol Street, Room 250, Charleston, WV 25301. FAX 304-558-1451