



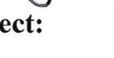
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**To:**  Developmental Disability Waiver Supported Living Providers  
**From:**  Paul J. Leary, Administrator  
**Subject:**  Supported Living Rates Update

Supported Living reimbursement is being updated in response to the United States District Court for the District of Idaho Order in the case of *Inclusions Inc., et al v. Armstrong et al*, Case no. 1:09-cv-00634-BLW.

As a result, the reimbursement rate methodology will increase the rate for hourly, high, and intense supported living. The reimbursement rate methodology uses the Bureau of Labor Statistic's Idaho mean wage for the direct care staff providing the service, adjusted for employment related expenditures and indirect general and administrative costs which include program related costs.

**Providers who deliver supported living services need to be aware of the following:**

Adjustments to the rate on file for hourly, high, and intense supported living will not require addendums for plans that have already been prior authorized.

**For participants with eligibility determination notices dated April 12 through June 17, 2012.**

- Budgets for participants that were assessed and received an eligibility notice dated between April 12 and June 17, 2012, do not take into account the increased supported living rates. Budget adjustments for plans within the April 12 to June 17, 2012, timeframe will be handled in the following manner:
  - For plans received by the Department but not yet prior authorized, care managers will add budget dollars to reflect the increased rate for hourly, high or intense supported living services. These plans will not be returned to plan developers for modification.
  - For plans already approved and prior authorized, reimbursement for supported living services will be auto adjusted as follows:
    - Beginning June 29, 2012, for plans that have been prior authorized, the payment system will auto adjust supported living claims for dates of service between April 12 through May 31, 2012, for service codes H2015 and H2022. For plans prior authorized with service code H2016, the payment system will auto adjust supported living claims for dates of service between April 12 and June 29, 2012. **You do not need to take any action with respect to your already submitted claims.**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For those providers who have claim dates of service that straddle the April 12, 2012, date, and/or contain a prior authorization error, Molina staff will be working directly with you to help you with reprocessing these claims to get paid the correct amount.

- The auto-adjusting of claims effort will begin June 29, 2012, and should be completed July 20, 2012.

For participants with eligibility determination notices dated June 18, 2012, or later.

- Participants currently receiving **high and intense supported living** with eligibility determination notices dated June 18, 2012, or later, will receive notices with calculated budgets that reflect adjustments to the supported living rate. Person-centered planning teams will be able to develop plans using budgets identified in participant notices dated June 18 or later.
- Participants receiving **hourly supported living** with eligibility determination notices June 18, 2012, or later, will receive notices with calculated budgets that **do not** reflect adjustments to the supported living rate. At this time, the budget calculation tool does not adjust for the increased hourly supported living rate. Therefore, participants who request hourly supported living services (group or individual) may submit a plan with total costs that exceed the assigned budget amount.
  - The total cost of these plans must be within the adjusted daily cap, meet criteria for assessed needs and provide for health and safety.
  - The new adjusted daily cap for hourly supported living in combination with developmental therapy, community supported employment, and adult day care is \$240.03 per day.

For dates of service on and after April 12, 2012, please use the following supported living rates:

Service	Procedure Code	Description	Rate
Hourly Individual Supported Living	H2015	1 unit = 15 minutes	\$5.17
Hourly Group Supported Living	H2015 HQ	1 unit = 15 minutes	\$2.07
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Daily Supported Living Services High Support	H2022	1 unit = 1 day	\$248.40
Daily Supported Living High Support School Based, School Days	H2016	1 unit = 1 day	\$196.65
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Daily Supported Living Services Intense Support	H2016	1 unit = 1 day	\$496.56 <sup>2</sup>
Daily Supported Living Intense Support School Based, School Days	H2016	1 unit = 1 day	\$393.11 <sup>3</sup>

If you have questions related to plan authorization or operational processes, please contact the Operations Manager, Bureau of Developmental Disability Services, Division of Medicaid at (208) 334-0944. If you have questions about the reimbursement rates, please contact the Principal Financial Specialist, Office of Reimbursement, Bureau of Financial Operations, Division of Medicaid at (208) 364-1817. If you have questions about claims processing, contact Molina Medicaid Solutions at 1 (866) 686-4272.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

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<sup>2</sup> The Department disagrees with the Court Order related to this rate. The correct rate should be \$413.82. The Department is requesting a correction from the Court. Should the Court issue an Order with the corrected rate, the Department intends to recoup the overpayment for this service.

<sup>3</sup> The Department disagrees with the Court Order related to this rate. The correct rate should be \$327.60. The Department is requesting a correction from the Court. Should the Court issue an Order with the corrected rate, the Department intends to recoup the overpayment for this service.