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To: Developmental Disability (DD) Supported Living Providers; Targeted Service Coordinators

From: Lisa Hettinger, Administrator

Subject: Supported Living Rates

Information in this release supersedes information found in Information Release MA15-10.

The supported living reimbursement rates identified in the previous Information Release MA15-10, which were to be implemented on February 1, 2016, for Residential Habilitation Agencies serving participants on the DD waiver, have been adjusted to reflect temporary rates.

The Department will implement these temporary rates to address access concerns expressed by participants, advocacy groups and supported living providers in response to the reinstated rates communicated in MA15-10. The temporary rates reflect data obtained from the Department's 2009 rate report and account for inflation.

These temporary rates will be the reimbursement rates until a cost survey can be completed. A cost survey will provide the Department with the necessary information to develop new rates. If the temporary rates are over 5% higher or lower than the new rates established as a result of the cost survey process, the Department will reconcile the difference with providers back to February 1, 2016.

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

For plans and addendums already approved:

- Adjustments to the rate for hourly, high, and intense supported living will not require addendums or modifications.
- The payment system will be adjusted to reimburse the temporary rates for hourly, high, and intense supported living claims for dates of service beginning February 1, 2016, forward.

For plans and addendums currently in the review process:

- The Bureau of Developmental Disability Services (BDDS) care managers will adjust the plan costing sheet or addendum to reflect the temporary rates for hourly, high, and intense supported living for dates of service February 1, 2016, forward. This adjustment will not require addendums or modifications.
    - For participants accessing hourly supported living, BDDS care managers will continue to review plans to assure they are within the adjusted daily cap, meet criteria for assessed needs, and provide for health and safety. Effective February 1, 2016, the adjusted daily cap is $264.30 per day for hourly supported living in combination with developmental therapy, community supported employment, and adult day health.

For plans and addendums not yet submitted:

- Plans or addendums not yet submitted must request hourly, high and intense supported living services using the temporary rates for dates of service February 1, 2016, forward.
- Participants receiving hourly supported living with an eligibility determination notice dated February 1, 2016, or later will receive calculated budgets that do not reflect the temporary supported living rates. Therefore, participants requesting hourly supported living services may submit a plan for the upcoming plan year that exceeds the assigned budget. Those plans must be within the adjusted daily cap and meet criteria for assessed needs and provide for health and safety.
- Participants requesting high supported living services with eligibility determination notices dated prior to February 1, 2016, will include calculated budgets that do not reflect the temporary supported living rate. Person centered planning teams will be able to develop plans for the upcoming plan year that exceed the assigned budget using the temporary rate. For these plans an exception review will not be required.
    - Calculated budgets on eligibility determination notices dated February 1, 2016, and forward will reflect the temporary rates.

For dates of service on and after February 1, 2016, please use the following supported living rates:

Service	Procedure Code	Description	Rate
Hourly Individual Supported Living	H2015	1 unit = 15 minutes	$5.69
Hourly Group Supported Living	H2015 HQ	1 unit = 15 minutes	$2.28
Daily Supported Living Services High Support	H2022	1 unit = 1 day	$273.13
Daily Supported Living High Support School Based, School Days	H2016	1 unit = 1 day	$216.23
Daily Supported Living Services Intense Support	H2016	1 unit = 1 day	$455.02
Daily Supported Living Intense Support School Based, School Days	H2016	1 unit = 1 day	$360.21

If you have questions related to plan authorization or operational processes, please contact a Regional Care Manager with the Bureau of Developmental Disability Services, Division of Medicaid. Regional Care Manager contact information can be found on the next page.

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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