DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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TOPIC: DDD Revised RateBook Effective 10/01/2015

All Qualified Vendors

Effective October 1, 2015, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) implemented rate changes for certain Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The RateBook outlining these changes is attached along with this e-mail. We are currently in the process of posting the ratebook, look up file and supplemental rate information on DDD’s website tentatively by 10/14/2015 or earlier.

Following are the key highlights of the rate changes:

1. Targeted rate increase for the following critical needs services.
   - Nursing Services (HNV, HN9, HN1, HNR)
   - Therapy Services (Speech, Physical, and Occupational – STA, PTA, OTA)
   - Individual Supported Employment (ISE)
   - Habilitation with Music Therapy (HAM)
   - Transportation Services (TRA, TRE)
   - Nursing Supported Group Homes (HAN)

2. 1% across the board rate increase for services at or below 85% of the benchmark rate and are not the part of the targeted services. Examples of some services in this group include the following.
   - Attendant Care (ATC)
   - Habilitation, Support, Hourly (HAH)
   - Respite (RSP)
   - Habilitation, Individually Designed Living Arrangement, Hourly (HAI)
• Group Supported Employment (GSE) – Applicable to Ratios of 1:3 and 1:4
• Center Based Employment, Urban (CBE)

3. Targeted rate increase towards services when the current adopted rate is less than 75% of benchmark for most ALTCS covered services. Examples of some services in this group include the following.
• Group Supported Employment (GSE) – Applicable to Ratios of 1:5 and 1:6
• Home Health Aide (HHA)
• Respiratory Therapy (RP1)
• Day Treatment and Training, Children, Rural (DTT, DTS)

4. Reduction in rates for services currently over 100% benchmark to 100% of benchmark rate. Examples of some services in this group include the following.
• Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)
• Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)
• Habilitation, Early Childhood Autism Specialized [BCBA-D, Licensed Behavioral Analyst, Masters Level BCBA, ADHS/OBHL Licensed (ECM)]
• Transition to Employment (TTE)
• Group Supported Employment, Rural (GSE) – Applicable to 1:2 Ratio
• Habilitation, Consultation, [Psychologist - Urban, BCBA-D, Licensed Behavioral Analyst, Masters Level BCBA, DBHS/OBHL Licensed (HCM)]

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Thank You.