

# interChange Provider Important Message

**To: Home Health Agencies, Occupational Therapist Groups, and Individual Occupational Therapists**



## **Update on the new services COPE and CAPABLE!**

As the Department of Social Services (DSS) announced in previous Important Messages and shared at several provider forums, new evidence-based service models are being added to Medicaid-funded home and community-based services (HCBS), specifically the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) I & II, Autism, Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE), and Personal Care Assistant (PCA) waiver programs.

- ***Training and Counseling Services for Unpaid Caregivers Supporting Participants, a.k.a. Care of Older People in their Environment (COPE) and Confident Caregiver***

**COPE** is Drexel University's evidence-based model in which an Occupational Therapist (OT) and a Registered Nurse (RN) provide a set of supports and training to the informal caregivers of people with cognition impairment to better understand a participant's health condition and dementia. Also, the model aims to improve informal caregivers' confidence and care skills.

**Confident Caregiver** is designed to augment the COPE program to support family members who are providing care to persons living with serious or chronic illness without cognitive impairment.

- ***Participant Training and Engagement to Support Goal Attainment and Independence, a.k.a. Community Aging in Place-Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE)***

**CAPABLE** is Johns Hopkins University's evidence-based model in which a team consisting of an OT, RN, and handy worker operate together with participants to improve both function and safety of the home environment.

Furthermore, DSS has important updates on COPE/Confident Caregiver and CAPABLE:

- 1) Rate Increase
- 2) American Rescue Plan (ARP) 9817-funded training (time-limited opportunity)
- 3) Upcoming Provider Forums

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## 1) Rate Increase

COPE/Confident Caregiver and CAPABLE's OT & RN rates are now 15% higher than the traditional Medicaid OT & RN rates.

Moreover, an additional 10% increase is approved through December 31, 2024. These rate increases aim to offset the cost of staff training time and administrative start-up time.

	Previous Rate per 15 minutes	Revised RATE: Program launch through 12/31/2024 (15% higher than traditional Medicaid OT/RN rate plus 10% add-on)	Revised RATE: 1/1/2025~ (15% higher than traditional Medicaid OT/RN rate)
COPE/Confident Caregiver & CAPABLE OT	\$24.89	\$31.16	\$28.33
COPE/Confident Caregiver & CAPABLE RN	\$28.33	\$31.16	\$28.33

## 2) ARP 9817-funded training (time-limited opportunity)

To become a certified COPE/Confident Caregiver and/or licensed CAPABLE entity, a provider must complete self-paced online trainings offered by Drexel University and/or Johns Hopkins University. The trainings are covered under ARP funds through June 30, 2025. Afterwards, new participants will have to pay for the trainings including certificate and/or licensure fees. Do not miss this great opportunity for free training to become a COPE/Confident Caregiver and/or CAPABLE provider.

## 3) Upcoming Provider Forums

For more information on these evidence-based services and the provider enrollment process, please attend the DSS informational sessions listed below.

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COPE/Confident Caregiver Provider Forum	CAPABLE Provider Forum
June 3, 2024 (Mon) 10:00-11:30 am	May 29, 2024 (Wed) 10:00-11:30am
June 10, 2024 (Mon) 11:00-12:30 am	June 6, 2024 (Thu) 10:00-11:30am

Click this link or QR code to register the sessions. Once you register, you will receive the Team's meeting invite email.



[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-nyLEd2juUiwJjH\\_abtzi34DOjOj9LxLkbFULT1A1adUQUROMU41RzIVTzJQUFJFWTFZRE41MDE1Ui4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-nyLEd2juUiwJjH_abtzi34DOjOj9LxLkbFULT1A1adUQUROMU41RzIVTzJQUFJFWTFZRE41MDE1Ui4u)

A provider bulletin will be forthcoming detailing more information. Please continue to monitor the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com) for more information.

Questions concerning COPE/Confident Caregiver and/or CAPABLE can be directed to the following email address: [DSSCOPECAPABLEAttestation@ct.gov](mailto:DSSCOPECAPABLEAttestation@ct.gov).