



TO: Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) and Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Service Providers

RE: Companion Services Rate Increase

Effective for dates of service October 1, 2018 and forward, the rate for companion services, procedure codes 1210Z and 1536P, will increase to \$4.01 per unit.

The primary purpose of the rate increase is to increase the wages and benefits of companions. The Department of Social Services (DSS) reserves the right to audit to confirm this use of the funds.

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) and Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) waiver service providers who submit Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) mandated and optional services to DXC Technology for claim adjudication via the Santrax system must enter updated usual and customary rates for service codes 1210Z and 1536P into their Santrax system prior to billing claims for dates of service October 1, 2018 and forward.

ABI and CHCPE waiver service providers should refer to the "Billing Rates" document on the Electronic Visit Verification Implementation Important Message for assistance in updating their usual and customary rates in their Santrax system. Please click the link below to access the "Billing Rates" document located on the EVV Important Message under the "Welcome Kit" subheading on the www.ctdssmap.com Web site home page.

https://www.ctdssmap.com/CTPortal/Portals/0/StaticContent/Publications/evv_billing_rates.pdf

For further assistance, please contact the EVV mailbox at CTevv@dx.com.

This bulletin only addresses the above rate increase. Providers can expect to see a Provider Bulletin in the near future that will address rate increases for waiver and home health services that will be effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2019.