

TO: Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE), Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Personal Care Assistance (PCA), Mental Health and Autism Waiver Service Providers, Home Health Agencies

RE: Rate Increases for Select Home Health and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Effective June 1, 2023

This provider bulletin (PB) supersedes <u>PB 23-49</u> Rate Increases for Select Home Health and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS).

The Department of Social Services (DSS), in response to the increase in the minimum wage, is retroactively increasing rates by 4.9% for the following waiver service providers, effective June 1, 2023:

- Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE)
- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI)
- Personal Care Assistance (PCA)
- Mental Health
- Autism

An update to the fee schedule has been posted on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site with the updated effective date of June 1, 2023.

The 4.9% rate increase has been applied to the following procedure codes:

Agency-Based Services

1214Z - Homemaker Service - Agency - Per 1/4 Hour

1542P - Homemaker Services Per 1/4 Hour

1210Z - Companion Service - Agency Per 1/4 Hour

1536P – Companion Services Per 1/4 Hour

1206Z - Chore Service Agency 1/4 Hour

1532P - Chore Services Per ¹/₄ Hour

1211P – Recovery Assistant 1213M - Recovery Assistant Agency, Per 15 Minutes 1214M - Recovery Assistant, Group, 2 Clients 1215M - Recovery Assistant, Group, 3 Clients 1216M - Recovery Assistant, Group, 4 Clients 1217M - Recovery Assistant, Overnight, Per 15 Min 1396Z - Community Mentor agency per 15 minutes 1021Z - Personal Care Services: Per 15 Minutes 1022Z - Personal Care Services: Overnight, Agency 1023Z - Personal Care Services: Per Diem, Agency **3022Z** - PCA Agency Overnight Prorated Hourly 1225Z - PCA Agency, Per Diem, Prorated, Hourly

Adult Day Health

1200Z - Adult Day Health - Full Day (Non-Medical Model Provider)

1201Z - Adult Day Health - Full Day (Approved Medical Model Provider)

1202Z - Adult Day Health - Half Day (Less Than or Equal To 4 Hrs.)

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Assisted Living

1430Z - Occasional Personal Services-Per Day

1431Z - Limited Personal Services - Per Day

1432Z - Moderate Personal Services - Per Day

1433Z - Extensive Personal Services - Per Day

1434Z - Core Assisted Living Services - Per Day

1435Z - Demo Project/Occasional Personal Services - Per Day

1436Z - Demo Project/Limited Personal Services - Per Day

1437Z - Demo Project/Moderate Personal Services - Per Day

1438Z - Demo Project/Extensive Personal Services - Per Day

1439Z - Demo Project/Core Assisted Living Services - Per Day

Please access the appropriate waiver fee schedule for Respite procedure codes subject to the 4.9% rates increase.

Home Health Aide

T1004 - Services of a qualified nursing aide up to 15 minutes.

T1021 - Home health aide (HHA) or certified nurse assistant (CNA), per visit.

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) and Billing Instructions:

Home Health agencies who submit Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) mandated services to Gainwell Technologies for claim adjudication via the Santrax system must update their Master Rates to the usual and customary rates for dates of service beginning June 1, 2023, in their Sandata database prior to billing claims for dates of service June 1, 2023, and forward via the Sandata system.

Home Health agencies are encouraged to refer to the "Billing Rates" document by clicking on "Electronic Visit Verification" then "New Provider Information" then "Welcome Kit" then "Billing Rates" for assistance in updating their usual and customary rates in their Santrax system. Please click the link below to access the "Billing Rates" document from the <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u> Web site home page or use the link provided below.

EVV Welcome Kit

Providers who submitted claims at the previously allowable rate via EVV must first fully recoup the claim using the <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u> secure Web portal or via an 837 electronic transaction. Claims must then be rolled back in EVV and resubmitted to obtain the new rate.

Providers who have submitted claims at the previously allowed rate outside of EVV must adjust their claims via the Web portal or electronic 837 transaction to obtain the new rate.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

The updated fee schedule can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Web site: <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "I Accept", then select the applicable fee schedule. To access the PDF file, click on the PDF icon for the Home Health fee schedule.

<u>Posting Instructions</u>: Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u>.

Distribution: This policy transmittal is being distributed to providers of the CMAP by Gainwell Technologies.

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