

Open for Public Comment: Proposed Rates for Community Participation Support and Transportation Trip for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

ODP Announcement 19-024

AUDIENCE:

Individuals and Families, Providers of Community Participation Support or Transportation Trip services, Agency With Choice (AWC) Financial Management Services Organizations, Common Law Employers in the Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent (VF/EA) Model, Managing Employers in the AWC Model, Administrative Entities, Supports Coordination Organizations, Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to announce the Department of Human Services (Department) proposed Fee Schedule Rates for Transportation Trip services funded through a participant directed services model and Community Participation Support services in the Consolidated, Community Living and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) waivers effective July 1, 2019. This communication also announces proposed changes to the zones covered in the Transportation Trip service for cost-based services captured in cost reports effective July 1, 2019. Public comment on these proposed changes will be accepted until 11:59 pm on April 5, 2019.

DISCUSSION:

Effective July 1, 2019, the Department proposes to make the following changes that impact rates for Community Participation Support and Transportation Trip services:

- Simplify procedure codes and change the staff to individual ratios to make planning, authorizing and billing for the Community Participation Support service more efficient and to reflect service delivery more accurately.
- Add procedure codes and Fee Schedule Rates to the Community Participation Support service for on-call and remote support. Please note that the on-call and

remote support component of Community Participation Support is pending approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). On-call and remote support will be available to participants for whom the provider has coordinated community activities in which the participant is supported through unpaid supports and/or as a component of the fading strategy where on-call and remote is needed as a backup. The provider may bill for on-call and remote support when all the following conditions are met:

- The activity was coordinated by the provider of Community Participation Support services,
 - The participant does not receive Residential Habilitation services,
 - The participant requires on-call or remote support for health and safety reasons, and
 - Remote support is available immediately to the participant and on-call staff can be available for direct service within a maximum of 30 minutes (less if agreed upon by the individual plan team).
- Add procedure codes and Fee Schedule Rates for Transportation Trip services in both participant-directed services models.
 - For Transportation Trip providers who do not submit a cost report, the proposed Fee Schedule Rates will be assigned.
 - Change the zones covered in the Transportation Trip service for cost-based services captured in cost reports effective July 1, 2019.

The proposed Fee Schedule Rates were developed using a market-based approach. This process includes a review of the service definitions and a determination of allowable cost components which reflect costs that are reasonable, necessary and related to the delivery of the service, as defined in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (OMB Circular Uniform Guidance, December 26, 2014). The Department establishes the Fee Schedule Rates to fund services at a level sufficient to ensure access and encourage provider participation, while at the same time ensuring cost effectiveness and fiscal accountability. The Fee Schedule Rates represent the maximum rates that the Department will pay for each service. In developing the proposed Fee Schedule Rates for each service, the following occurs:

- The Department evaluates and uses various independent data sources such as a Pennsylvania-specific compensation study and expense data from prior approved cost reports, as applicable, to ensure the rates reflect the expected expenses for the delivery of services under the waivers for the major allowable cost categories listed as follows:
 - The support needs of the individual.
 - Staff wages.
 - Staff-related expenses.
 - Productivity.
 - Occupancy.
 - Program expenses and administration-related expenses.
 - A review of approved service definitions in the waivers and determinations made about allowable cost components that reflect expenses necessary and related to the delivery of each service.
 - A review of the cost of implementing Federal, State, and Local statutes, regulations and ordinances.

The proposed Fee Schedule Rates in this communication will also serve as the Department-established fees under 55 Pa. Code § 4300.115(a) for base-funded services managed through county programs for individuals with an intellectual disability under the Mental Health and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966 (50 P.S. §§ 4104—4704), 55 Pa. Code Chapter 4300 (relating to county mental health and intellectual disability fiscal manual) and 55 Pa. Code Chapter 51 (relating to Office of Developmental Programs home and community-based services).

The proposed rate changes are contained in the tables below. Assumption logs used to develop these rates are available at <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/developmentalprograms/waiveramendment/>.

There are no changes proposed to rates for any service other than those outlined in this communication since they were published as final in the Pennsylvania Bulletin Volume 48, Number 4 on Saturday, January 27, 2018. The current rates for all other services are available on the Department of Human Services website at: <http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/developmentalprograms/feeschedulerates/index.htm>.

Community Participation Support (CPS) Fee Schedule Rates Effective July 1, 2019

Service Name	Unit of Service	Procedure Code	Statewide Fee	Enhanced Communication Statewide Fee (U1 modifier)
CPS Community 1:2 or 1:3	15 minutes	W9351	\$5.36	\$6.15
CPS Community 2:3	15 minutes	W9352	\$8.01	\$9.35
CPS Community 1:1	15 minutes	W5996	\$9.84	\$11.52
CPS Community 1:1 Enhanced	15 minutes	W5997	\$13.68	\$16.40
CPS Community 2:1	15 minutes	W5993	\$18.94	\$22.30
CPS Community 2:1 Enhanced	15 minutes	W5994	\$22.78	\$27.18
CPS Facility 1:11 to 1:15	15 minutes	W7222	\$1.85	\$2.00
CPS Facility 1:7 to 1:10	15 minutes	W7223	\$2.30	\$2.51
CPS Facility 1:4 to 1:6	15 minutes	W7226	\$3.11	\$3.51
CPS Facility 1:2 to 1:3	15 minutes	W7224	\$5.26	\$6.06
CPS Facility 1:1	15 minutes	W7244	\$9.52	\$11.12
CPS Facility 1:1 Enhanced	15 minutes	W9353	\$13.25	\$15.85
CPS Facility 2:1	15 minutes	W7269	\$18.26	\$21.45

Service Name	Unit of Service	Procedure Code	Statewide Fee	Enhanced Communication Statewide Fee (U1 modifier)
CPS Facility 2:1 Enhanced	15 minutes	W9356	\$21.98	\$26.17
CPS Community On-Call and Remote Support	15 minutes	W9400	\$1.33	N/A

Transportation Trip Fee Schedule Rates in the Participant-Directed Services Models Effective July 1, 2019

There will be no wage ranges developed for Transportation Trip services provided through the participant-directed services models. The Support Service Professional who provides Transportation Trip services (the driver) will be paid the Statewide Fee listed.

The changes to the number of miles covered in each zone will also be effective for cost-based reports submitted on or after July 1, 2019.

Traditional agency providers who do not submit a cost-report will be assigned the proposed Fee Schedule Rates.

Service Name	Unit of Service	Procedure Code	Statewide Fee
Transportation Trip Zone 1	Zone 1 (1—10 miles)	W7274	\$17.85
Transportation Trip Zone 2	Zone 2 (11—30 miles)	W7275	\$32.14
Transportation Trip Zone 3	Zone 3 (over 30 miles)	W7276	\$36.51

Public Comment

Copies of this communication and the rates may be obtained at the local Mental Health/Intellectual Disability (MH/ID) County Program, Administrative Entity (AE), or regional Office of Developmental Programs in the corresponding regions:

- Western region: Piatt Place, Room 4900, 301 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 565-5144
- Northeast region: Room 315, Scranton State Office Bldg., 100 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 (570) 963-4749
- Southeast region: 801 Market St., Suite 5071, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 560-2242 or (215) 560-2245
- Central region: P.O. Box 2675, DGS Annex Complex, Harrisburg, PA 17105 (717) 772-6507

Contact information for the local MH/ID County Program or AE may be found through a link on the internet at: <https://www.hcsis.state.pa.us/HCSIS-SSD/ServicesSupportDirectory/Counties>, or by contacting the previously referenced regional Office of Developmental Programs.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments within 30 days regarding the proposed rate changes to the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, Division of Provider Assistance and Rate Setting, 4th Floor, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments can also be sent to ra-ratesetting@pa.gov. Use subject header "FY19-20 Rate Changes."

Persons with a disability who require an auxiliary aid or service may submit comments using the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service by dialing 711 or by using one of the toll-free numbers: (800) 654-5984 (TDD users), (800) 654-5988 (voice users), (844) 308-9292 (Speech-to-Speech) or (844) 308-9291 (Spanish).

Comments received by 11:59 pm on April 5, 2019 will be reviewed and considered for revisions.