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To: Developmental Disability Agencies

Community Supported Employment Agencies

Adult Day Health Agencies

From: Matt Wimmer, Administrator

Subject: COVID-19 Rescindment of Select Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)

Rate Adjustments

On April 17, 2020, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (Department) issued Information Release MA20-24 implementing temporary rate adjustments for select home and community-based services to help maintain a stable workforce and preserve HCBS provider networks significantly-impacted during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Department has been closely monitoring claims data and has determined that utilization of some services is returning to levels that existed prior to the public health emergency. As a result, effective July 25, 2020, the Department intends to rescind the temporary rate adjustments for the impacted children's developmental disability services as specified in the details below. Except for supported employment services, the temporary rate adjustments for the impacted adult developmental disability waiver services and the impacted aged and disabled waiver services will remain in effect. Supported employment services provided on or after July 1, 2020 will continue to be reimbursed at the rate approved by the 2020 Legislature. (Please see Information Release MA20-33 for more details regarding the supported employment service reimbursement increase).

The Department is aware of recent increases of COVID-19 cases in Idaho and understands that rapidly changing circumstances may warrant adjustments to this decision and Medicaid's on-going response to this public health emergency. The Department continues to monitor the situation and will provide updated information as it becomes available.

As a reminder, telehealth flexibilities (established in Information Releases MA20-07, MA20-13, and MA20-15) remain in effect, and the Department encourages providers to continue to utilize telehealth services when appropriate. Given the positive impacts of telehealth services on healthcare in Idaho, the Department is currently evaluating the extent to which these flexibilities may be made permanent.

Rescindment of Rate Adjustments to Children's Developmental Disability (DD) Fee Schedule for Developmental Disability Agencies (DDA's)

For each service listed in Table T-1 below, the reimbursement rate for claims submitted by Developmental Disability Agencies with dates of service on or after July 25, 2020 will be automatically adjusted to the lesser of the claimed amount or the standard rate specified in Table T-1. No further action will be required by the impacted providers.

Table T-1: Impacted Children's Developmental Disability Services Provided by DDA's					
Code	ServiceTitle	Temporary Rate per 15-min Unit	Standard Rate per 15-min Unit		
H0004 HN	Behavioral Intervention – Individual – Intervention Specialist	\$14.50	\$12.91		
H0004 H0	Behavioral Intervention – Individual – Intervention Professional	\$19.31	\$17.80		
H0004 TG	Behavioral Intervention – Individual – EBM Intervention Professional	\$25.97	\$20.59		
H2015 HA	Community Based Supports – Individual	\$9.58	\$7.26		
H2015 HQ	Community Based Supports - Group	\$3.21	\$2.90		

Rate Adjustments to Adult Developmental Disability Waiver Fee Schedule

For each service listed in Table T-2 below, the reimbursement rate for claims submitted by Developmental Disability Agencies, Community Supported Employment Agencies, and Adult Day Health Agencies will continue to be paid at the temporary rate specified in Table T-2. For supported employment services, the temporary rate has been adjusted to align with the rate approved by the 2020 Legislature. No further action will be required by the impacted providers.

Table T-2: Impacted Adult Developmental Disability Waiver Services					
Code	ServiceTitle	Temporary Rate per 15-min Unit	Standard Rate per 15-min Unit		
97537	Home/Community Individual and/or Group Developmental Therapy for Adults	\$4.67	\$3.34		
H2032	Center Based Individual and/or Group Developmental Therapy for Adults	\$4.12	\$3.02		
H2023	Supported Employment	[\$8.61]	\$8.61		
S5100	Adult Day Health	\$2.12	\$1.50		

Rate Adjustments to Aged and Disabled Waiver Fee Schedule

For each service listed in Table T-3 below, the reimbursement rate for claims submitted by Developmental Disability Agencies, Community Supported Employment Agencies, and Adult Day Health Agencies will continue to be paid at the temporary rate specified in Table T-3. For supported employment services, the temporary rate has been adjusted to align with the rate approved by the 2020 Legislature. No further action will be required by the impacted providers.

Table T-3: Impacted Aged and Disabled Waiver Services				
Code	Service Title	Temporary Rate per 15-min Unit	Standard Rate per 15-min Unit	
H2023	Supported Employment	[\$8.61]	\$8.61	
S5100	Adult Day Health	\$2.12	\$1.50	

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