

**Public Notice Related to Changes to Rates Paid for Services by the Rhode Island
Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals for
Services Delivered to Private Developmental Disability Organizations**

November 27, 2013

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services is filing an amendment to its Global Consumer Choice Section 1115 waiver on behalf of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH) to change the rates paid to Private Developmental Disability Organizations (DDOs) effective with dates of service beginning January 1, 2014. In particular, changes are being made to allow for an increase to all services delivered directly by Private DDOs. BHDDH is also expanding waiver participants' ability to receive employment-based services or community-based day services.

Rate Changes

As funding has become available, the BHDDH strives to support DDOs in enabling upward adjustments to wages and benefits paid to DDO staff. As such, effective January 1, 2014, BHDDH is updating the rates paid for services provided by Private DDOs in the following ways:

1. *Wage Increase in rate models.* The assumptions used in the development of rates with respect to hourly wages have been changed in all rate models as follows:
 - a. The Direct Service Professional assumption increases from \$11.30 to \$11.55 per hour
 - b. The Supervisor assumption increases from \$16.95 to \$17.33 per hour
 - c. The Support Coordinator assumption increases from \$19.78 to \$20.21 per hour
 - d. The Job Developer assumption increases from \$19.78 to \$20.21 per hour

2. *Fringe Benefit Increase in rate models.* The assumptions used in the development of rates with respect to fringe benefits have been changed in all rate models as follows:
 - a. The Direct Service Professional assumption increases to 35% of salary in all models
 - b. The assumption for all other labor categories increases to 30% of salary in all models

Updates to Authorizations

In an effort to foster employment and integrated community day activities as the priority for all participants in their day activity, BHDDH is changing the funding to participants for day activities. Although the number of units authorized will remain consistent, the dollars associated with these units will change within a SIS tier. Effective January 1, 2014, these dollars will be based on 60% of the community-based day program tier rate and 40% of the center-based day program tier rate. Previously, it was a 50%/50% split.

This change only affects the funding allotment available to participants to purchase day services. It does not affect participants' choice to select the day services that suit their needs the best.

Updates to Regulations

These rate changes require no change in the language in the "Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Developmental Disability Organizations".

This is the draft waiver amendment that will be submitted to CMS. A written copy may be requested from Monica Pacheco at mpacheco@bhddh.ri.gov or at 462-1320. It can also be found on the BHDDH website at www.bhddh.ri.gov. Written comments should be addressed to Monica Pacheco and must be received no later than December 16, 2013 at 4:00 pm. Comments received will be posted to the BHDDH website for viewing.

There is no public meeting scheduled related to this amendment.

Comparison of BHDDH Rates Effective July 1, 2013 and January 1, 2014

Service Category	BHDDH Service Title	Tier	HCPCS / Modifier	Billing Unit	BHDDH Adopted Rate (as of 7/1/13)	BHDDH Rate as of Jan. 1, 2014	Pct Change
Case Management	Support Coordination (participants with FI/day agency combo)	any	T2022 L6	per month	\$50.84	\$53.51	5.3%
	Support Coordination	A	T2022 U5	per month	\$99.77	\$105.11	5.4%
	Support Coordination	B	T2022 U6	per month	\$120.32	\$126.68	5.3%
	Support Coordination	C	T2022 U7	per month	\$141.66	\$149.08	5.2%
	Support Coordination	D	T2022 UA	per month	\$203.37	\$214.05	5.3%
	Support Coordination	E	T2022 TG	per month	\$203.37	\$214.05	5.3%
	Support Facilitation	A	T2022 U5 U2	per month	\$43.95	\$46.33	5.4%
	Support Facilitation	B	T2022 U6 U2	per month	\$43.95	\$46.33	5.4%
	Support Facilitation	C	T2022 U7 U2	per month	\$87.90	\$92.66	5.4%
	Support Facilitation	D	T2022 UA U2	per month	\$176.86	\$186.40	5.4%
	Support Facilitation	E	T2022 TG U2	per month	\$176.86	\$186.40	5.4%
Residential Habilitation	Community Residence Supports	A	T2033 U5	per diem	\$113.39	\$116.40	2.7%
	Community Residence Supports	B	T2033 U6	per diem	\$113.39	\$116.40	2.7%
	Community Residence Supports	C	T2033 U7	per diem	\$157.42	\$161.74	2.7%
	Community Residence Supports	D	T2033 UA	per diem	\$252.06	\$259.20	2.8%
	Community Residence Supports	E	T2033 TG	per diem	\$283.65	\$291.72	2.8%
	Non-congregant Residential Supports	A	T2016 U5	per diem	\$113.39	\$116.40	2.7%
	Non-congregant Residential Supports	B	T2016 U6	per diem	\$113.39	\$116.40	2.7%
	Non-congregant Residential Supports	C	T2016 U7	per diem	\$157.42	\$161.74	2.7%
	Non-congregant Residential Supports	D	T2016 UA	per diem	\$252.06	\$259.20	2.8%
	Non-congregant Residential Supports	E	T2016 TG	per diem	\$283.65	\$291.72	2.8%
	Shared Living Arrangements	A	T2033 U5 + U1	per diem	\$69.09	\$70.09	1.4%
	Shared Living Arrangements	B	T2033 U6 + U1	per diem	\$84.34	\$85.61	1.5%
	Shared Living Arrangements	C	T2033 U7 + U1	per diem	\$107.04	\$108.61	1.5%
	Shared Living Arrangements	D	T2033 UA + U1	per diem	\$128.38	\$130.26	1.5%
	Shared Living Arrangements	E	T2033 TG + U1	per diem	\$128.38	\$130.26	1.5%
Independent Living or Family Supports	Community-Based Supports (standard)	1:1	T2017	15 minutes	\$5.99	\$6.32	5.5%
	Community-Based Support Prof. Staff	1:1	T2017 UD	15 minutes	\$12.74	\$13.13	3.1%
	Natural Supports Training (standard)	1:1	T2013	per hour	\$29.39	\$30.88	5.1%
	Natural Supports Training Prof. Staff	1:1	T2013 UD	per hour	\$46.33	\$47.72	3.0%
	Respite Care	All	T1005	15 minutes	\$4.80	\$5.07	5.6%
	Respite Care (overnight)	All	T1005 NS	15 minutes	\$3.42	\$3.62	5.8%
	Respite Care	All	S9125	per diem	\$172.80	\$182.52	5.6%
Ind. Living Only	Access to Overnight Shared Supports	All	T2016 U8	per diem	\$17.55	\$18.62	6.1%
Transportation	Day Activity Transportation	A,B,C	T2003	per trip	\$8.61	\$8.70	1.0%
	Day Activity Transportation	D,E	T2003 UA or TG	per trip	\$13.60	\$13.85	1.8%

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Prevocational Training	Prevocational Training	1:6	T2015 US	per hour	\$4.87	\$5.00	2.7%
	Prevocational Training	1:5	T2015 UR	per hour	\$5.60	\$5.76	2.9%
	Prevocational Training	1:4	T2015 UQ	per hour	\$6.73	\$6.92	2.8%
	Prevocational Training	1:3	T2015 UP	per hour	\$8.61	\$8.84	2.7%
	Prevocational Training	1:2	T2015 UN	per hour	\$12.39	\$12.73	2.7%
	Prevocational Training	1:1	T2015	per hour	\$23.96	\$24.61	2.7%
Employment Based	Job Development or Assessment	1:1	T2025 UD	per hour	\$54.31	\$56.97	4.9%
	Job Coaching	1:1	T2019	15 minutes	\$6.26	\$6.59	5.3%
	Job Retention	A	T2023 U5	per month	\$156.88	\$165.11	5.2%
	Job Retention	B	T2023 U6	per month	\$213.25	\$224.39	5.2%
	Job Retention	C	T2023 U7	per month	\$272.56	\$286.78	5.2%
	Job Retention	D	T2023 UA	per month	\$408.83	\$430.17	5.2%
	Job Retention	E	T2023 TG	per month	\$503.90	\$530.14	5.2%
Day Program	Day Program (center-based)	A	T2021 U5	15 minutes	\$1.03	\$1.05	1.9%
	Day Program (center-based)	B	T2021 U6	15 minutes	\$1.16	\$1.18	1.7%
	Day Program (center-based)	C	T2021 U7	15 minutes	\$1.58	\$1.61	1.9%
	Day Program (center-based)	D	T2021 UA	15 minutes	\$2.32	\$2.38	2.6%
	Day Program (center-based)	E	T2021 TG	15 minutes	\$6.08	\$6.25	2.8%
	Day Program (community-based)	A	T2021 U5 U1	15 minutes	\$1.33	\$1.37	3.0%
	Day Program (community-based)	B	T2021 U6 U1	15 minutes	\$1.33	\$1.37	3.0%
	Day Program (community-based)	C	T2021 U7 U1	15 minutes	\$2.99	\$3.08	3.0%
	Day Program (community-based)	D	T2021 UA U1	15 minutes	\$5.75	\$6.25	8.7%
	Day Program (community-based)	E	T2021 TG U1	15 minutes	\$5.75	\$6.25	8.7%
	Professional Supports while at Day Program	1:1	T2021 U8	15 minutes	\$12.74	\$13.13	3.1%
	Day Program (home-based)	A	T2020 U5	per diem	\$21.14	\$21.63	2.3%
	Day Program (home-based)	B	T2020 U6	per diem	\$25.13	\$25.69	2.2%
	Day Program (home-based)	C	T2020 U7	per diem	\$37.17	\$38.15	2.6%
	Day Program (home-based)	D	T2020 UA	per diem	\$77.56	\$79.73	2.8%
Day Program (home-based)	E	T2020 TG	per diem	\$146.51	\$150.78	2.9%	
Home Health Provider Services	Attendant Care	All	S5125	15 minutes	Medicaid rate	Medicaid rate	
	Homemaker Services	All	S5130	15 minutes	Medicaid rate	Medicaid rate	
Self-Directed Services	Supports Brokerage, Self Directed Program	All	T2041	15 minutes	varies	varies	
	Self-Directed Goods or Services	All	T2025 U2	varies	varies	varies	
Other	PERS, install and testing	All	S5160	per service	varies, PA req'd	varies, PA req'd	
	PERS, service	All	S5161	per service	varies, PA req'd	varies, PA req'd	
	PERS, purchase only	All	S5162	per service	varies, PA req'd	varies, PA req'd	
	Home Modifications	All	S5165	per service	varies, PA req'd	varies, PA req'd	
	Assistive Technology	All	T5999	per service	varies, PA req'd	varies, PA req'd	