

Disability Waiver Rate System Update

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Learning Objectives

- Understand the purpose of the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS)
- Understand the rate frameworks:
 - the utility of the frameworks
 - the basic structure
 - the policy clarifications implicit in the frameworks
 - the component values

DWRS is designed to:

- Create a statewide rate methodology to ensure state's ongoing participation in federal programs
- Provide a rational architecture for the calculation of service rates
- Establish rates that:
 - Are equitable, consistent, and transparent
 - Allow choice and portability for consumers
 - Reflect individualized nature of service
 - Promote quality

DWRS in 2012 Legislation

- Defines service areas:
 - Residential
 - Day Program
 - Unit with Program
 - Unit without Program
- Requires projected spending for each service area equivalent to projected spending under current law
- Sets implementation for January 1, 2014, with rate changes for ongoing participants limited to 1% per year for three years

Responding to 2012 Legislation

- Data Requests
- Advisory Committee
- Workgroups
- Sort HCPCS billing codes into buckets and report on SFY10 spending by bucket
- Create Monte Carlo simulations for each bucket, train simulation users, and solicit research
- Conduct analysis on data gathered, analyze workgroup recommendations, and refine and release framework values...

Disability Waiver Rate System

- Component values
- Provider specific data points
- Individual specific data points
- Equations
- =Unit rates!

Component Values

- Underlying factors that are part of the cost of providing services that are built into the waiver rates methodologies to calculate service rates

Universal Component Values

- Direct staff: wage, span of control, vacation/sick/training, customization
- Employee-related: taxes & workers comp, other benefits
- Client Program & Support
- Program Plan Support
- Program-related expenses tab: standard G&A, program-related support, utilization and absence factors

Service-Specific Component Values

- Annual transportation amount for residential frameworks
- Facility use factor for day services
- Meal, snacks, and bath for Adult Day Care
- One-way transportation for Day Training and Habilitation (DT&H)
- Room and board for overnight respite in a facility

Rates Management System

- Web-based software application securely accessed by lead agencies
- Gathers data points specific to individuals and service providers
- Plugs information into algorithms populated with component values and produces a unit rate to be used in authorizing services in MMIS

Rate Frameworks

- Excel spreadsheets accessed on the DWRS website
- Illustrate how rates are calculated
- Allow stakeholders (lacking SSIS access) to estimate their unit rates and understand how their rates might change with different provider or individual-specific data points
- Not pretty

23 Rate Frameworks

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| Adult Day Care-Day | Behavior Support | Residential Support Services (RSS)-Corporate Basic |
| Adult Day Care-15 min | Companion Services | RSS-Corporate Intensive/SLS |
| DT&H-Day | Housing Access Coordination | RSS-Family Basic |
| DT&H-15 min | In Home Family Support | RSS-Family Intensive/SLS |
| Prevocational services-Day | Independent Living Skills (ILS) Training | |
| Prevocational services-Hour | Night Supervision | |
| Structured Day-Day | Personal Support | |
| Structured Day-15 min | Respite | |
| One Way Trip | Supported Employment | |
| | Supported Living Services (SLS) not corp, adult, 15 min | |

Universal Framework Changes

- Span of control
- Added Medicare tax
- Raised wages
- No high med, high behavior, high mental health customizations
- Definition and rate for deaf/hard of hearing customization
- Budget neutrality factor

Budget Neutrality Factor

- The 2012 legislation requires budget neutrality by service area
- The proposed frameworks and component values result in disability waiver budget neutrality
- Applying the Budget Neutrality Factors to each framework result in budget neutrality by service area

Residential Changes

- Residential vehicle definition and amount
- Residential levels: family and corporate, intensive and basic
- Residential units all daily
- No direct nursing, either shared or individual
- # of residents is licensed capacity or occupancy, whichever is greater

Navigating Residential Frameworks

- Framework choices: corporate or family, intensive or basic
- Fields for entry:
 - Shared awake staff hours per week
 - Shared asleep staff hours per week
 - Individual awake staff hours per week
 - Individual asleep staff hours per week
 - Customization option

Day Changes

- Transportation in daily DT&H
- Daily day = 6 hours
- Day units
- No direct nursing, either shared or individual
- Less Program-related support

Navigating Day Frameworks

- Framework choices:
 - Day Training & Habilitation 15 min (and One Way Trip) and DT&H day
 - Prevocational Services hour and Prevoc day
 - Adult Day Care 15 min and ADC day
 - Structured Day Program 15 min and SDP day

Navigating Day Frameworks

- Fields for entry:
 - Staffing ratio
 - Customization option
 - One way transportation shared and individual: is a lift required, number of one-way miles, number of trips
 - For Adult Day Care: number of meals and snacks provided

Unit-based Changes

- Less Program-related support
- Absence/Utilization factor added
- Wage for the supervisor of Behavior Specialist and Behavior Analyst increased

Navigating Unit With Program Frameworks

- Framework choices:
 - Behavior Support Services: Specialist, Analyst, Professional
 - Housing Access Coordination
 - In Home Family Support
 - Independent Living Skills Training
 - Supported Employment
 - Supported Living Services- 15 minutes
- Fields for entry: customization option

Navigating Unit Without Program Frameworks

- Framework choices:
 - Night Supervision
 - Personal Support
 - Adult Companion Care
 - Respite
- Fields for entry:
 - Customization option
 - Respite room and board

What About the Other Disability Waiver Services?

| Market Price | | Predetermined Rate |
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| 24 Hour Emergency Assistance and Personal Emergency Response System | Specialist Services | Adult Day Bath |
| Assistive Technology | Specialized Supplies and Equipment | Chore |
| Family/Caregiver Counseling and Education | Transitional Supports | Homemaker |
| Live-in Caregiver Expenses | Community Transportation | Home Delivered Meals |
| Modifications and Adaptations | Crisis Respite and Respite in a Hospital or Nursing Facility | |

Interim values

- Component values for One Way Trip
- The allocation of resources for the provision of transportation related to Adult Day Care, Structured Day Program, and Prevocational Services
- No geographic differences factor
- Day services Facility Use factor
- Pricing the reduction in staff time due to the use of monitoring technology
- Shared service provision for ILS and Supported Employment
- Definition and billing for indirect service

Questions

Thank you for attending the
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