



Disability Waiver Rate System

Pre-DWRS Service Agreement
Translations to Prepare for Banding

Housekeeping

- Participants will be auto-muted during the webinar.
- Following a brief presentation, DSD staff will respond to written questions submitted via GoToWebinar.
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 - This information will be located at the CountyLink / TrainLink / Disability Services Training News and Information page.
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Learning Objectives

- Understand lead agency actions necessary for service agreement translations of affected HCPCs
- Provide an opportunity to ask questions and obtain answers about HCPC changes and adjustments to units/unit price

Format of Webinar

- Review lead agency responsibilities and types of changes described in [DSD E-list announcement](#) dated August 27, 2013
 - [Narrative guide](#) on Pre-Disability Waiver Rate System Service Agreement Translations
 - [Table](#) showing affected HCPCs
- Submit online questions about:
 - Lead agency responsibilities
 - Day service translations
 - Residential translations
 - Indirect service costs
 - Shared ILS and Shared SES
 - Respite
 - Elimination of daily units for some services

Background

- 2013 Legislature authorized DWRS implementation on 1/1/14
- Legislation includes rate stabilization adjustment (“banding”)
 - New prices for all existing and some new services will not differ by more than .5% from the rate authorized on 12/1/13
- Lead agencies need to make changes to MMIS service agreements containing affected HCPCs
- DHS will run a MMIS automation process on 10/8/13 that will end lines effective 10/31/13
- Lead agencies will need to enter new lines for services beginning 11/1/13
- The rate in effect on 12/1/13 will be banded

Lead Agency Responsibilities for Service Agreement Translations

- Review current authorizations/discuss with providers:
 - Does what was authorized reflect what is billable?
 - Are changes needed to procedure codes/modifiers?
 - Are adjustments to number of units and unit values needed?
- Enter necessary changes to MMIS Service Agreements by 10/31/13

Types of SA Changes

- Day
- Residential
- Indirect
- Shared/Other

Outcome of changes should be budget neutral for each person/provider/service agreement line.

Day Service Changes

- DTH Waiver/Structured Day Program
 - A daily unit must be at least 6 hours in length
 - Includes transportation only for DTH provided by DTH provider
 - Partial day DTH must be translated to 15-minute units (e.g., 3 hours = 12 units)
 - DTH Transportation authorized separately
 - DTH Pilot HCPCs are being eliminated and transportation removed from rate
 - DTH Transportation authorized separately

Residential Service Changes

- Monthly and semi-monthly units are eliminated
 - Replaced with daily units that reflect number of full calendar days person is expected to receive the service (See [Reimbursement for Overhead Expenses Due to Residential Absence](#), Daily Rates/Method 1)
 - New annual authorization should equal previous annual authorization

Indirect

- Only direct (client-facing) time is billable
 - Frameworks for unit-based services include a Program Plan Support component to cover indirect costs
 - County contracts that may have previously allowed billing for indirect service sunset 12/31/13
 - 2013 legislation repealed ability to bill certain indirect costs for some DD waiver services

Shared ILS

- New ILS policy allows maximum of two people to share ILS when:
 - Guardians/people sharing ILS provide informed consent
 - People sharing service are family members/housemates
 - Goals/learning styles are congruent
- Requires use of TT modifier and that rate be divided by 2

Shared Supported Employment Service

- New SES policy allows a maximum of three people on CADI or BI to share SES when:
 - Guardians/people receiving SES provide informed consent
 - Goals and learning styles are congruent
- Requires use of TT modifier (1:2 ratio) or HQ (1:3 ratio) and that rate be divided by 2 or 3
- DD waiver policy does not allow SES to be provided in enclave setting

Other

- Respite Care
 - Requires addition of TG modifier for daily respite provided in facility (e.g., NF or hospital)
- Supported Employment Service, In-Home Family Support, and Personal Support/Companion Care are 15-minute units only
- MHCP Provider Manual rules for billing 15-minute units will be updated as follows:
 - When definition of code includes time, more than half of the time value must be spent performing the service in order to report that code. If more than half, round up to next whole unit.
 - 0-7 minutes = 0 units
 - 8-22 minutes = 1 unit
 - 23-37 units = 2 units
 - 38-52 units = 3 units
 - 53-67 units = 4 units

Questions

- Submit questions online
- Questions will be taken in the following order:
 - Lead agency responsibilities
 - Day translations
 - Residential translations
 - Indirect adjustments
 - Shared ILS/SES
 - Other
- Questions not answered during webinar may be submitted to dsd.rates@state.mn.us

Questions about Lead Agency Responsibilities

Questions about Day

Questions about Residential

Questions about Indirect

Questions about Shared/Other