Disability Waiver Rate System Update
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Disability Services Division

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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### 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?

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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 Disability Waiver Rate System Update