

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal 26-23

TO: All Providers of Home and Community Based Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Waiver.

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DATE: September 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Announcement of New IDD Waiver Service Rates and Updated Service Definition

Purpose:

The purpose of this transmittal is to announce the reimbursement rates for newly approved IDD Waiver services and updates to the service definitions of certain existing services. These changes will take effect on August 1, 2026.

Description:

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), in accordance with the requirements in 29 DCMR §§ 988.4 and 1901.2, announces publication of additions to the Medicaid Fee Schedule setting forth the newly approved service definitions and reimbursement rates, effective August 1, 2026, for services available to participants under the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD Waiver).

The Department on Disability Services (DDS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), operates the ID/DD Waiver under the supervision of DHCF. The ID/DD Waiver was renewed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for a five-year period beginning October 1, 2022.

Pursuant to CMS approval of the new services on July 10, 2026, DHCF is further implementing five (5) additional new rates for the IDD Waiver services; Assistive Technology Assessment-Telehealth, Assistive Technology Ongoing-Extension, Companion Service (1:2), Health Assessment and Coordination (HAC) Telehealth Service, State Option to Provide HCBS in Acute Care Hospital Settings for the IDD Waiver Rates applicable to the ID/DD Waiver. These new rates are incorporated into the Medicaid Fee Schedule and apply to services delivered on or after August 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026, the District's living wage increased to \$18.40 per hour. However, consistent with other DHCF rates that incorporate enhanced DSP wages, the calculation of IDD Waiver rates referenced in this transmittal will reflect 117.6% of the \$17.95 District living wage that was in effect on July 1, 2025. As a result, the DSP wage portion of the rate, if applicable, is capped at \$21.11.

The table below provides a listing of both the billing codes and the new rates for each service.

Code	Service Description	Reimbursement Rate
T2016 XU	Supported Living (Specialized Rate).	Specialized rate per level of care, up to \$2,500.00 per day.
T2029 U1 GT	Assistive Technology Services Assessment-Telehealth.	\$32.45 per 15 minutes, \$129.80 per hour.
T2029 U2 22	Assistive Technology Ongoing- Extension.	\$32.45 per 15 minutes, \$129.80 per hour.
T2017 V3 TG	State Option to Provide HCBS in Acute Care Hospital settings.	\$7.70 per 15 minutes, \$30.80 per hour.
S5135 U3	Companion Services Group (1:2).	\$5.75 per 15 minutes, \$23.00 per hour.

DHCF is further implementing one (1) updated service definition; Sexuality Education to Healthy Relationships Education. These revised service definitions are detailed below and do not change the proposed rates.

Code	Service Description	Reimbursement Rate
99349 U1 GT	Health Assessment and Coordination (HAC) Telehealth.	\$30 per assessment. One assessment per month. Max units per year 12.
S9445-U4	Healthy Relationships Education Assessment and ongoing services in IDD Waiver (Conduct Assessment within first 2 hours)- Sexuality Education in IFS Waiver.	\$24.63 per 15 minutes. \$98.52 per hour.
S9445-U4 GT	Healthy Relationships Education Assessment and ongoing services in IDD Waiver (Conduct Assessment within first 2 hours)- Sexuality Education in IFS Waiver.	\$24.63 per 15 minutes. \$98.52 per hour.
S9445-U4-22	Healthy Relationships Education Extended in IDD Waiver- Sexuality Education in IFS Waiver.	\$24.63 per 15 minutes. \$98.52 per hour.
S9445-U4-22 GT	Healthy Relationships Education Extended in IDD Waiver- Sexuality Education in IFS Waiver.	\$24.63 per 15 minutes. \$98.52 per hour.

The reimbursement rates for each service will be included on the Medicaid Fee Schedule for the ID/DD Waiver and will become effective August 1, 2026. The Medicaid Fee Schedule for the ID/DD Waiver is located on the DHCF website at [Department of Health Care Finance - Fee Schedule Download](#).

Contact

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