

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Deputy Director-Medicaid

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TO: All DC Medicaid Home Health Agencies

FROM: Melisa Byrd
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DATE: August 10, 2020

SUBJECT: Reimbursement rate changes for Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), Speech and Language Therapy (ST)

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify Home Health Agency (HHA) providers of changes to the reimbursement rates for PT, OT and ST services provided by HHA. The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), in accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 9903.8, 9904.8, and 9905.9 of Chapter 99 and Section 988 of Chapter 9 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, announces changes to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for home health physical therapy services, home health speech pathology and audiology services, and home health occupational therapy services provided to beneficiaries enrolled in the District Medicaid program. The changes to the rates are effective October 1, 2019, per approval of the corresponding State Plan Amendment by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on January 29, 2020.

Background

Home health agencies provide an array of services for Medicaid beneficiaries in need of long-term care services and supports. DHCF is updating the Medicaid fee schedule to ensure reimbursement rates are equitable and reflective of reasonable costs incurred by home health providers in delivering physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech pathology and audiology services.

The table below provides a listing of both the billing codes and new rates for PT, OT and ST services. The Medicaid Fee Schedule for those services is located on the DHCF website at <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleDownload>.

Service Description	Procedure Code	Rate Effective October 1, 2019	Rate Effective January 1, 2020
Physical Therapy - Hourly	G0151	\$ 102.84 Per Hour, \$25.71 per 15 Minutes	\$ 103.48 Per Hour, \$25.87 per 15 Minutes
Physical Therapy – Evaluation or Re-Evaluation	G0151-U4	\$ 102.84 Per Hour, \$25.71 per 15 Minutes	\$ 103.48 Per Hour, \$25.87 per 15 Minutes

Occupational Therapy – Hourly	G0152	\$ 102.84 Per Hour, \$25.71 per 15 Minutes	\$ 103.48 Per Hour, \$25.87 per 15 Minutes
Occupational Therapy – Evaluation or Re-Evaluation	G0152-U4	\$ 102.84 Per Hour, \$25.71 per 15 Minutes	\$ 103.48 Per Hour, \$25.87 per 15 Minutes
Speech, Hearing & Language - Hourly	G0153-U4	\$ 102.84 Per Hour, \$25.71 per 15 Minutes	\$ 103.48 Per Hour, \$25.87 per 15 Minutes

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