GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

Transmittal #23-24

TO: All DC Home Health Agency (HHA) Medicaid Providers

FROM: Melisa Byrd

Senior Deputy Director and State Medicaid Director

DATE: June 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Home Health Aide Living Wage Rate Changes Effective July 1, 2023.

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify providers of changes to the reimbursement rates for Home Health Aide services and changes to the current enhanced reimbursement rates for Home Health Aide services due to COVID-19 (<u>Transmittal 23-12</u>), to reflect the increase in the Living Wage. The Home Health Aide services reimbursement rates are adjusted to reflect the annual rate changes to the Living Wage Act of 2006, effective June 8, 2006 (D.C. Law 16-118; D.C. Official Code § 2-220.01 *et seq.* (2012 Repl.)). The change to the rates will be effective July 1, 2023.

The table below provides both the billing code and the new rate for Home Health Aide services. The Medicaid Fee Schedule for the Home Health Aide services is located on the DHCF website at https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleDownload.

Service Description	Procedure Code	Rate Effective July 1, 2023
Home Health Aide (HHA)	T1004	\$24.76 Per Hour, \$6.19 per 15 Minutes

Enhanced Billing & Reimbursement Reflects Living Wage Changes

The temporary enhanced reimbursement rate, procedure code, and modifier is outlined in the separate table below. To receive the enhanced reimbursement rate, providers must submit claims with the correct procedure codes and modifier combinations. This rate is effective through November 11th, 2023, when the enhanced rates due to the Public Health Emergency end.

Service Description	Procedure Code	Rate Effective July 1, 2023
Temporary Enhanced Rate for Home Health Aide	T1004 CR U1	\$37.12 Per Hour, \$9.28 per 15 Minutes

Contact

DHCF will continue to provide updates to this information as appropriate. If you have questions, please contact Samuel Woldeghiorgis, Associate Director, Office of the Deputy Director, Office of Rates Reimbursement and Financial Analysis, Department of Health Care Finance, at 441 4th Street, Suite 900S, Washington, DC 20001, or email samuel.woldeghiorgis@dc.gov or via telephone at (202) 442-9240.

cc: DC Behavioral Health Association

DC Coalition of Disability Service Providers

DC Health Care Association

DC Home Health Association

DC Hospital Association

DC Primary Care Association

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