



**Topic: Temporary Funding for Residential and Congregate Day Services
Related to Facility Closures**

Residential Services

Effective May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 or the end of the public health emergency, whichever is sooner, the amount, process and timing of payments to providers of Individual Supports (IS) Daily Rate will change. Pursuant to requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), continued payment will require a direct link to current service claims.

May 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 (or the end of the public health emergency, whichever is first)

- IS Daily Rates will be temporarily enhanced to include (1) the previously calculated 20% funding for increased daytime staffing needs, and (2) a \$3.00 per hour increase to direct support professional (DSP) wages. Notice of the temporarily enhanced rates, as required by CMS, is posted here: nj.gov/humanservices/library/slides/NJ%20DDD%20CCP%20rate%20notice%2005-01-2020.pdf.
 - Methodology used to calculate this DSP wage increase is consistent with prior instances and can be operationalized similarly. All funds must be passed through as an hourly increase or bonus.
- Temporarily enhanced rates apply only to fee-for-service claims to DXC for IS Daily Rate services rendered to Community Care Program recipients.
- Providers will continue to claim and be reimbursed at the regular (not enhanced) daily rate for each individual who meets the reimbursement criteria outlined in Appendix M of the Community Care Program Policies and Procedures Manual.
- At the close of each month, the Division will process a supplemental payment for IS Daily Rate providers as follows: Total IS Daily Rate units multiplied by Rate Differential (difference between regular and temporarily enhanced daily rates). Taken together (claims reimbursements plus Division's supplemental payment), providers will receive the enhanced IS Daily Rates. The payment amount will be at the top of the provider's DXC claims remittance and will listed as "gross payment."
- The Division will perform a final reconciliation one quarter after the enhanced rate period ends to account for claims lag and ensure alignment between on-system claims and off-system financial transactions.

The previous 20% payment methodology will be prorated through April 30, 2020 and then will cease.

No Changes Needed to Individualized Service Plans (ISPs)

- Due to the temporary nature of the IS Daily Rate enhancement, there will be no change in service prior authorizations, claiming, DXC rates, or service plans.
- Support Coordinators do not need to revise ISPs.

Congregate Day Services

Through May 15, 2020, day service providers receiving the 75% payment from the Division due to facility closures will continue to receive that payment. Day providers should not submit claims to DXC for any of the following five services they are providing (remote or otherwise), as these services are being funded through the Division's retainer payment:

- Career Planning
- Community Inclusion Services
- Day Habilitation
- Prevocational Training (Group)
- Supported Employment (Group)

In addition, a provider who was prior authorized for and providing any of these five services to an individual before March 17—and who is receiving the Division retainer payments—cannot be added to that individual's plan to provide any similar service for any weekday day-time hours (for example, Community Based Supports, Individual Supports-Hourly, Prevocational Training-Individual). Doing so would result in that provider receiving double payment for weekday day-time services, which is not permitted.

To the extent possible, day service providers receiving Division retainer payments should continue to provide support—remote or otherwise—to the individuals they had been serving before March 17.

- If a day service provider receiving a retainer payment is providing support that is covered by that retainer payment and is being provided to the individual during weekday day-time hours, then that provider may be prior authorized and claim for a service to that individual outside of weekday day-time hours (i.e., evenings or weekends), as long as it is not one of the five covered services.
- If a day service provider receiving a retainer payment **is not** providing support that is covered by the retainer payment to an individual during weekday day-time hours, then that provider cannot be prior authorized or claim for any other service to that individual.

Please note that, as always:

- Service documentation is required for any service/support delivered, including services covered by the Division's retainer payment.
- Every service must relate to an identified need in the ISP, and must fit within the individual's budget.