

New Jersey Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities

COVID-19 Response

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Topic: Temporary Funding for Residential Providers

April 1, 2021 until further notice: Temporary 20% IS-Daily Rate Enhancement

- The temporary 20% rate enhancement applies only to fee-for-service claims to Gainwell (formerly DXC) for IS-Daily Rate services rendered to Community Care Program recipients.
- IS-Daily Rates will continue to be temporarily enhanced to include the previously-calculated 20% funding for increased daytime staffing needs. As required by CMS, the Department has posted an updated Public Notice of the Temporarily Enhanced IS-Daily Rates.
- 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. For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 2021, providers
 will claim at the new FY2021 fee-for-service rates (see DDD's Quick Guide to FY2021 FFS Rate Increases).
- As previously communicated, the temporary \$3-per-hour wage increase for direct support
 professionals working in licensed residential settings and providing IS-Daily Rate services ended on
 March 31, 2021. Dates of service that fall in the time period that the \$3-per-hour increase was in effect
 will be paid at the enhanced rate for that time period.

Delivery of Payment

- 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. *Please note that the Division's supplemental payments will reflect the regular fee-for-service rate in effect on the date of service*.
- 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.

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, Gainwell (formerly DXC) rates, or service plans.
- Support Coordinators do not need to revise ISPs.