New Jersey Department of Human Services  
Division of Developmental Disabilities

COVID-19 Response  
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Topic: Temporary Funding for Residential Providers

*SPECIAL NOTE:* Effective January 1, 2021, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) fee-for-service rates for services delivered by direct support professionals (DSPs), including Individual Supports (IS)-Daily Rate, have increased to account for the FY2021 wage increase for DSPs and supervisors. Effective January 1, 2021, the two temporary IS-Daily Rate increases outlined below have been applied proportionally to the new fee-for-service rates.

- As required by CMS, the Department of Human Services has posted a [Public Notice of the FY2021 DDD Fee-for-Service Rate Increases](#).
- For a complete list of the increases to impacted services, please see DDD’s [Quick Guide to FY2021 FFS Rate Increases](#).

**January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021:** Temporary $3-per-hour DSP Wage Increase for IS-Daily Rate

- Individual Supports (IS) Daily Rates will continue to be temporarily enhanced to include a $3.00-per-hour wage increase for direct support professionals (DSPs) delivering IS-Daily Rate services in provider-managed residential settings. As required by CMS, the Department has posted a [Public Notice of the Temporarily Enhanced IS-Daily Rates](#), which rates include both the temporary 20% IS-Daily Rate enhancement and temporary $3-per-hour DSP wage increase.
- Temporarily enhanced rates apply only to fee-for-service claims to Gainwell (formerly 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. 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](#)).

**January 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 a [Public Notice of the Temporarily Enhanced IS-Daily Rates](#), which rates include both the temporary 20% IS-Daily Rate enhancement and temporary $3-per-hour DSP wage increase.
• 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).

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.