

Final Department-Established Fees and Fee Schedule Rates for Services Funded Through ODP's Waivers and Base-Funding ODP Announcement 22-026

AUDIENCE:

All interested parties

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to announce that the following rates and fees have been published as final in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*:

- Fee Schedule Rates for services funded through the Consolidated, Community Living, Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) and Adult Autism Waivers and Base-funded program.
- Department-Established Fees for residential ineligible services.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Fee Schedule Rates and Department-Established Fees for Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS Waiver services, as well as the Community Intellectual Disability Base-funded program were published at 52 Pa.B. 102 (January 1, 2022). The Department received comments from 134 stakeholders regarding the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule Rates and Department-Established Fees. After reviewing the comments on the proposed rates, the Department determined that an increase to the Fee Schedule Rates for the Agency With Choice Financial Management Services monthly administrative fee from \$285.28 to \$311.68 was necessary to cover staff wages and the

costs of implementing participant directed services in accordance with requirements in the approved Waivers. No other changes were made to the rates as a result of public comment.

A summary of the comments received regarding the proposed rates for Consolidated, Community Living, and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver services, base-funded services, and residential ineligible services and the Department's responses is available at

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Documents/ODP/Public%20Notices%20Related%20to%20Rates/IDA%202022%20Rate%20Comment%20and%20Response%20Summary.pdf>.

A summary of the comments received regarding the proposed rates for the Adult Autism Waiver services and residential ineligible services and the Department's responses is available at

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Documents/ODP/Public%20Notices%20Related%20to%20Rates/AAW%20Rate%20Comment%20and%20Response%20Summary%20Placeholder.pdf>.

The effective dates for the final rates are as follows:

- **July 1, 2021:** Fee Schedule Rates and Department-Established Fees for the majority of services funded through the Adult Autism Waiver.
- **January 1, 2022:** Fee Schedule Rates for the majority of services funded through the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS Waivers and Base-Funded Program.
- **March 1, 2022:** Fee Schedule Rates for Agency With Choice Financial Management Services.

- **Six months after the federal COVID-19 public health emergency expires:** Fee Schedule Rates for direct Community Participation Support services and Transportation Trip services¹. The temporary increases to the Fee Schedule Rates for direct Community Participation Support and Transportation Trip will remain in effect until six months after the expiration of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency.
- **July 1, 2022:** Department-Established Fees for residential ineligible services funded through the Consolidated and Community Living Waivers.

The final Fee Schedule Rates, Department-Established Fees, and assumption logs used to develop the rates for the Consolidated, Community Living, P/FDS, and Adult Autism Waivers, and Base-funded program are available at

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/ODP-Rates.aspx>.

Related information about billing and HCSIS impacts for services funded through the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers was published in ODP Announcement [22-007](#) which was updated on February 17, 2022.

Related information about billing and HCSIS impacts for services funded through the Adult Autism Waiver was published in ODP Announcement [22-021](#) on February 17, 2022.

A public notice regarding the final rates for the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers, and Base-funded program, and Department-Established Fees can be found in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 52, Number 9, published on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at:

¹ All Transportation Trip services in the Adult Autism Waiver have a Fee Schedule Rate. Depending on the situation and provider, some Transportation Trip services in the Consolidated, Community Living, and P/FDS Waivers are assigned a fee schedule rate, while others receive a cost-based rate.

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/pabulletin/data/vol52/52-9/329.html>.

A public notice regarding the final rates for the Adult Autism Waiver and Department-Established Fees can be found in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 52, Number 9, published on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at:

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/pabulletin/data/vol52/52-9/328.html>.

Amendments to the Community Living and P/FDS Waivers

The limits on the maximum dollar amount of Waiver services in Appendix C-4 have been approved through Appendix K and will be implemented as follows effective January 1, 2022:

- The current limit of \$70,000 per person per fiscal year for Community Living Waiver services is increased to \$85,000. Supports Coordination services will continue to be excluded from this limit.
- The current limit of \$33,000 per person per fiscal year for P/FDS Waiver services is increased to \$41,000. Supports Coordination and Supports Broker services will continue to be excluded from this limit. The limit can continue to be exceeded by \$15,000 for Advanced Supported Employment or Supported Employment services.

The increases will ensure that the changes to the Fee Schedule Rates do not result in a reduction or loss of Waiver services for individuals. Due to the temporary nature of Appendix K approvals, Waiver amendments including these increases will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval prior to July 1, 2022.

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