

Introduction

As a result of funding received in SB288 for Personal Care Services & Adult Residential Rates, several rates will be altered in the New Choices Waiver and Aging Waiver Programs. Due to the amount of the appropriations received, these changes are considered substantive and will require approval prior to implementation.

In addition, due to ongoing work with the Department of Justice, the Division of Services for People with Disabilities is seeking to make adjustments to the Supported Employment service in the Community Supports, Community Transitions, and Acquired Brain Injury Waivers.

Public Input

Public input was sought in the following ways:

- Providing copies of the waiver amendments and soliciting comment with the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB)
- Posting the draft online and providing a 30-day public comment period
- Reviewing and responding to comments after the 30-day public comment period and making decisions about further amendments to the waiver(s) to incorporate additional comments received

Final review, approval and submission of the waiver application will be completed by the State Medicaid Director.

Overview of Proposed Changes

Community Supports Waiver, Acquired Brain Injury Waiver; Community Transitions Waiver

- Modification of the Supported Employment service code to include job discovery in addition to on the job supports. Milestone payments are also intended to be incorporated to aid providers following placement and retention in competitive integrated employment positions.
- Updates to the Massage Therapy Services payment rate.

- Additional clarifying language in the Community Supports Waiver regarding admissions to the waiver from the Utah State Developmental Center.

Aging Waiver

- Rate increases to the following service codes: Personal Budget Assistance (29.7%); Adult Day Health (65.2%); Attendant Care (Participant Directed (29.7%) & Self-Administered (25.7%)); Homemaker (6.9%); Companion Services (24.6%); Routine Respite (37.3%); Transportation (7%).
 - Rate methodology has not changed, increases are to support increases in cost of service delivery

New Choices Waiver

- Rate increases to the following service codes: Personal Budget Assistance (29.7%); Adult Day Health (65.2%); Attendant Care (Participant Directed & Self-Administered – (18%)); Homemaker (28.9%); Routine Respite (12.1%); Transportation (7.1%); Habilitation Services (26.2%); Adult Residential Services (11%).
 - Rate methodology has not changed, increases are to support increases in cost of service delivery

Full copies of the implementation plan, this summary, and a link to submit comments electronically can be found at: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/>

Questions and comments about the draft waiver application are welcome and can be submitted to:

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