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Medicaid Director's Message

In this month's Medicaid Legislative Connect newsletter we are featuring two important investments in the Indiana Medicaid program.

First, we highlight our efforts to improve the home health infrastructure. Home health services are services provided on a part-time basis to Medicaid members in their place of residence. We recognize the need to have a strong home health workforce to ensure that Hoosiers can live and age at home and in the community.

Second, we highlight our rate matrix. This too is an investment in the Medicaid infrastructure – it will impact the home health providers noted above and extend beyond to the full provider network. The rate matrix is an effort to ensure a predictable and appropriate approach to reviewing provider reimbursement rates for Medicaid services. We believe this rate matrix tool will be beneficial to the legislature as they navigate the biennial budget process.

Allison Taylor
Indiana Medicaid Director

OMPP Centering Goal: Collaborate to improve member and provider experience.

Home Health Roadmap for Success



Alignment

- Alignment of Medicare, Medicaid,
 - Waiver services, etc.
- Sustainable, appropriate payments
 - Interplay between Medicare/Medicaid



Workforce

- Workforce Development
- Consistency/Stable and supported workforce
- Quality of Care/Safety Evidence-Based



Person-Centered Approach

- Access to family/caregiver supports
- Flexibility (changing member/family needs)
- Good communication/transparency
 - Equitable/person-centered
 - Dignity & Respect
- Right Care, Right Time, Right Place

To make sustainable improvements in Indiana's home health infrastructure, the Family and Social Services Administration is conducting a comprehensive assessment of the state's existing home health services in collaboration with a diverse group of stakeholders, including the Indiana Department of Health, home health providers, Medicaid consumers and their families and advocates. This initiative includes reviewing and updating home health service definitions, examining reimbursement methods and operational processes and analyzing policies and regulations. The result of this work will be **Indiana's Home Health Roadmap for Success** that is grounded in three principles: **alignment, workforce and person-centered approach**.

This collaborative workgroup has already made numerous recommendations for improving Indiana's home health landscape and continues to meet regularly.

Over the next few months, FSSA will host a series of virtual and in-person focus groups to learn more about the experiences of Medicaid members and their families and receive their suggestions for improvements to home health. Additionally, FSSA will convene a series of stakeholder workgroups focused on the key issues facing home health providers.

For more information, please FSSA Medicaid Director, Allison Taylor, Allison.Taylor@fssa.in.gov, or FSSA Legislative Director, Gus Habig, William.Habig@fssa.in.gov.

Rate Matrix Update

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration is focused on ensuring a predictable and appropriate approach to reviewing rates for Medicaid services. To support this focus, we have developed a rate matrix to establish a regular cadence for those services that do not otherwise have a review detailed in state or federal code.

Under the rate matrix approach, each rate will be reviewed at least every four years using an evidence-based rate methodology that includes input from providers and other stakeholders. The rate matrix approach also includes a yearly index in the years between rate reviews. The rate review periods will align with the biennial budget cycle so that the results of the review can be considered and approved by the Indiana General Assembly as part of the budget process.

The current rate matrix can be viewed [here](#). Following the conclusion of the legislative session, the matrix will be updated based on the approved biennial budget. If you have questions and/or note a service that is not

FSSA Rate Matrix, as of April 1, 2023

[This is an evolving document that will be continuously informed through stakeholder feedback and experience.]

SI = Strategic Investment HIP = HIP Rate Equalization

Medicaid Services	Last Rate Review	Year of Rate Review/Rate Rebasing								Rating Approach
		SFY 2022	SFY 2023	SFY 2024	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	SFY 2027	SFY 2028	SFY 2029	
Home Health Services SI	2021			RR	i	i	i	RR	i	Rate Review every four years, Inflationary Adjustments Between Reviews
Ageing/DDRS Waivers	Various			RR	i	i	i	RR	i	
Dental Services SI HIP	2015			RR	i	i	i	RR	i	Included in 2024/2025 Biennium Budget
NEMT SI HIP	1999			RR	i	i	i	RR	i	
DMHA 1915(i) Waivers SI	2014			RR	i	i	i	RR	i	Update every 3 years
Face Capitation*	2021			RR	i	i	RR	i	i	
ABA Therapy*	N/A			E	i	i	i	RR	i	Rate initially established in 405 IAC 1-12-21(d), indexed consistent with other ICF/IDs
CRMNF*	2021			RR	i	i	i	RR	i	
Outpatient Hospital	2003					RR	i	RB	i	Rate Review every four years, Rate Rebasing every two years
Inpatient Hospital	2003					RR	i	RB	i	
Other Mental Health Services	2015					RR	i	i	i	Included in 2026/2027 Biennium Budget
Mental Health Rehabilitation	2018					RR	i	i	i	
Inpatient Psychiatric Services	2003					RR	i	i	i	
School Based Services	2016					RR	i	i	i	
Speech/OT/Physical				Updated with physician services						
* These rate adjustments are included in the Medicaid base budget and no further investments are needed for this budget cycle.										
Rates Review set in State or Federal Regulation										
PRTP Services	2021			Rate Methodology Set Forth in 405 IAC 1-21						Rates reviewed every other year and indexed in
Pharmacy	2021			Rates Determined According to 405 IAC 5-24						
Nursing Facility	2021			Rate Methodology Set Forth in 405 IAC 1-14.6						
ICF/ID	2021			Rate Methodology Set Forth in 405 IAC 1-12						
FOHC/RHC				Rate Methodology Consistent with the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000						Indexed Annually
Rates Set Based on % of Current Medicare Rates										
Hospice	2021			100% Medicare						Rates set at 100% of Medicare
DME and Medical Supplies	1994			100% Medicare						
Emergency Transportation	2023			100% Medicare						
Physician Services HIP	2015			Per HB1001, 90% Medicare						Rates set at 90% of Medicare
Maternity and Behavioral Health				100% Medicare						Rates set at 100% of Medicare

Year represent State Fiscal Year

RR shows the year in which the rate updates from the rate review will be implemented

E represent year in which rates were established

RB represents a rebasing year in which there is not impact to State funding needed for program

Definitions:

included, please let us know by emailing FSSA.IHCPReimbursement@FSSA.IN.gov.

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