

**June 30, 2021**

**Public Notice of Rate Increases for Home and Community Based Services Authorized by the Department of Health and Senior Services**

1. Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

For the following programs/services: State Plan Personal Care, Adult Day Care Waiver, Aged and Disabled Waiver, Independent Living Waiver, AIDS Waiver, Medically Fragile Adult Waiver and Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) Home Health Skilled Nurse Visits, the Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides the following notice:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2021, the MO State Legislature has authorized the following:

- Home and community-based (HCBS) services with a reimbursement rate below the lower bound market-based rate identified in the [Mercer Rate Study](#) for Select State Plan and 1915(c) Waiver Services dated January 3, 2020 will receive a rate increase up to the lower bound rate;
- Home and community-based (HCBS) services with a reimbursement rate below the lower bound market-based rate identified in the [Mercer Rate Study](#) for Select State Plan and 1915(c) Waiver Services dated January 3, 2020 will receive a rate increase that results in a maximum reimbursement rate per unit of service not to exceed 5.29% above the lower bound rate upon Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval of the Home and Community Based Services Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan;
- Home and community-based (HCBS) services with a reimbursement rate at or above the lower bound market-based rate identified in the [Mercer Rate Study](#) for Select State Plan and 1915(c) Waiver Services dated January 3, 2020, will receive the rate increase pursuant to CCS SS SCS HCS HB 10 and signed by the Governor on June 30, 2021 which results in a maximum reimbursement rate per unit of service not to exceed 5.29% above the rate in effect on January 1, 2021 upon Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval of the Home and Community Based Services Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan;
- Private duty nursing services will receive a rate increase that results in a maximum reimbursement rate of \$9.16 per fifteen-minute unit; and

- Private duty nursing services will receive a rate increase that results in a maximum reimbursement rate of \$9.64 per fifteen-minute unit upon Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval of the Home and Community Based Services Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan.
2. The DSS/MHD estimates a total cost of \$60,362,274.11 (\$10,380,217.00 state funds and \$49,982,057.11 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.
  3. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express, or overnight mail, in person or by courier within 30 calendar days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division  
615 Howerton Court  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
Attention: MHD Director

Comments may also be emailed to [Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov). Please use "FY22 DHSS HCBS Rate Increase" in the subject line.

4. A copy of the proposed reimbursement adjustment is available for public review on the [DSS/MHD website](#), by contacting the DSS/MHD at [Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov), or by going to any Family Support Division Office.
5. No public hearing will be held.