

June 30, 2021

**Public Notice of Department of Mental Health Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
Waiver Provider Rate Increase**

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:

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

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 increases:

- Provider rates for individuals receiving residential services (group home and individualized supported living) with a rate in effect on July 1, 2021, may be granted an increase or decrease in their rate due to rate standardization money that was granted by the General Assembly. Rate increases or decreases will be implemented to align with the state fiscal year 2020 lower bound market-based rate developed from the Mercer Rate study for Residential Services dated June 25, 2018. Rate changes will be implemented on an individual basis as supported by the approved rate methodology in the Comprehensive Waiver and upon approval of the HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$ 166,378,977 million (\$0 state funds and \$ 166,378,977 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.
- Provider rates for individuals receiving personal assistant services may be granted an increase to align with the state plan market-base rate adjustment for personal assistant services for the following Developmental Disabilities (DD) waivers as supported by the rate methodology in these waivers: Community Support Waiver, Comprehensive Waiver, Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Partnership for Hope Waiver. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$4,139,166 (\$1,406,903 state funds and \$2,732,263 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.
- An additional 5.29% increase to the current maximum allowable reimbursement rate for the personal assistant service for the following DD waivers as supported by the rate methodology in these waivers and upon CMS approval of the HCBS Enhanced FMAP Spending Plan: Community Support Waiver, Comprehensive Waiver, Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Partnership for Hope Waiver. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$4,949,444

million (\$0 state funds and \$4,949,444 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.

- A 5% increase to the current maximum allowable reimbursement rates for Day Habilitation services (day habilitation, individual skill development, community integration, and employment services) for the following DD waivers as supported by the rate methodology in these waivers: Community Support Waiver, Comprehensive Waiver, Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Partnership for Hope Waiver. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$6,195,185 (\$2,105,744 state funds and \$4,089,441 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.
- An increase to the current maximum allowable reimbursement rate for Applied Behavior Analysis services provided by Registered Behavior Technician and Licensed Assistance Behavior Analysts for the following DD waivers as supported by the rate methodology in these waivers: Community Support Waiver, Comprehensive Waiver, Missouri Children with Developmental Disabilities Waiver, and Partnership for Hope Waiver. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$211,101 (\$71,753 state funds and \$139,348 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.

For specific questions about specific services in these waivers, contact the Department of Mental Health.

2. 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. Please use "FY22 DMH HCBS Rate Increase" in the subject line.

3. 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, or by going to any Family Support Division Office.
4. No public hearing will be held.