



LCBDD News & Updates!

Hello! Sending along updates on HPC & NMT changes and some available training.

Thanks,

David

2020 DSP Rate Information Available Online DODD

DODD has started paying the higher Medicaid maximum payment rates on applicable claims for the below services delivered by direct support professionals (DSPs) starting January 1, 2020:

- Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC),
- Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care (PD-HPC),
- and On-Site/On-Call (OSOC).

DODD has added more information to the website's [billing page](#) in response to common questions from callers and stakeholders.

Non-Medical & HPC Transportation changes

Our friends at OACB shared a presentation (attached) created by Hamilton County D.D that gives some explanation of the changes to NMT & HPC transportation.

Don't forget that DODD is hosting a webinar on the changes on Thurs, 1/9/20 at 2:30. Click below to register.

[Register for Webinar](#)

New PAWS Enrollment Emails To Be Sent

January 06, 2020 | [DODD](#)

Providers should be aware that from January 11 through January 13, DODD will be finalizing/authorizing and submitting to Prior Authorization of Waiver Services (PAWS) all cost projection tool (CPT) sites that require an update. This is to incorporate the new rate changes that are planned to take effect for Non-Medical Transportation and Transportation. After PAWS submission, an email is generated to providers about the PAWS plan.

During this time frame, providers will receive several emails stating a new PAWS plan has been enrolled. Providers should coordinate with their county board if they feel that a person's PAWS plan has not been enrolled or the services are not correct.

Person Centered Thinking- free on-line courses

Provider Person-Centered Planning & Documentation Training: This is a 1 hour online training where you will learn the role of the provider in person-centered planning and outcome-oriented services, including Discovery, Risks, Outcomes, Action Plans, Learning Logs and Documentation and much more.

Person Centered Thinking Skills: Your Toolkit for Success! Four hour online training takes a deeper dive into person centered thinking skills.

Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) & HPC transportation Changes for 2020

12/12/19

Agenda

- ▶ NMT Changes effective 1/1/20
- ▶ NMT Changes effective 2/1/20
- ▶ HPC transportation change effective 2/1/20

***Rule is still in draft and all dates are subject to change

Changes effective 1/1/2020

- ▶ Rule 5123-9-18
- ▶ Effective 1/1/20, the definition of NMT has been expanded to include transportation to/from, between or among:
 - ▶ Place of employment
 - ▶ Location where adult day support, career planning, group employment support, individual employment support, or vocational habilitation is provided
 - ▶ Volunteer activities
 - ▶ Post-secondary educational program
 - ▶ Internship or practicum
 - ▶ And/or a drop off or transfer location from which the individual is then transported to or from one of the places listed above

Vehicle requirements

- ▶ Currently, the per trip rate is only able to be used for a modified vehicle or for a 9 passenger or larger vehicle
- ▶ Effective 1/1/20, there will no longer be a restriction on the type of vehicle that qualifies for the per trip rate
- ▶ This means that any type of vehicle that meets the person's needs can be used when billing the per trip rate

Changes effective 2/1/20

- ▶ Rate Changes:

- ▶ Non-modified vehicle= .58/mile
- ▶ Modified vehicle = \$1.00/mile*

- ▶ *The modified rate may ONLY be billed when at least one of the people in the vehicle requires the use of a modified vehicle

NMT and ADA billing

- ▶ Effective 2/1/20, providers will be able to bill ADA services and NMT per mile simultaneously
- ▶ This means that the provider does not have to stop the ADA service to begin billing the NMT
- ▶ This additional flexibility will be a welcomed change for providers and will likely lead to more providers asking for mileage to be authorized
- ▶ Until now, many providers have been absorbing the cost of the middle of the day transportation

NMT Budget

- ▶ The NMT budget will increase by \$580 effective 2/1/20: the new NMT budget will be \$11,027
 - ▶ The purpose of this change is to allow providers to bill for transportation provided during programming (i.e. between program sites and throughout the community)
 - ▶ In general, the additional funds should be used to help providers cover the cost of transporting people in the community
 - ▶ If a person does not need the additional funding for this type of transportation, it can be used to cover the cost of the transportation to/from approved locations as listed in the NMT rule
 - ▶ The individual's team must determine the way the NMT budget is to be used to meet the person's transportation needs

Authorization

- ▶ The ADA worksheet has been modified to reflect whether or not a provider plans to transport a person during the day and bill the NMT per mile rate for the transportation
- ▶ If the provider will be billing the mileage, we will be ratio the number of miles per day of ADA authorized for that provider
 - ▶ Example: John attends Goodwill 3 days per week. Goodwill indicates that they plan to bill for transportation during programming. Goodwill will be authorized for 600 miles for the span year (or 50 miles per month).

Formula for additional \$580 NMT budget

Days/week	Miles per day of week	Miles/month
1	3.85	16
2	7.69	33
3	11.54	50
4	15.38	67
5	19.23	83

Modified vehicle rate

- ▶ The modified vehicle rate may only be billed when at least one of the individuals in the vehicle requires a modified vehicle*; everyone in the vehicle qualifies to be billed at the modified rate
- ▶ See appendix for rates
- ▶ *The person requiring the modified vehicle must have an ISP that reflects this per rule (the revised ADA worksheet reflects this and is considered a part of our ISP/My Plan)

HPC transportation

- ▶ Effective 2/1/20, the HPC transportation rate changes to:
 - ▶ Non-modified vehicle= .58/mile
 - ▶ Modified vehicle = 1.00/mile
- ▶ The same rules apply to the HPC modified vehicle rate, at least one person in the vehicle must require a modified vehicle as identified in the ISP and ratios apply

Other things to consider

- ▶ Effective 2/1/20, the HPC and NMT per mile rates will be the SAME
- ▶ Individuals can also use HPC providers to get to the locations allowed in the NMT rule
- ▶ Providers will need to monitor utilization and request revisions as needed