

Stakeholder Engagement for Day Program Services for HCBS Waivers - Day Habilitation

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Our Mission

Improving health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources



Purpose of Meeting:

- To engage stakeholders on proposed Day Habilitation changes in response to COVID-19
- To receive input, suggestions, and ideas for flexible service delivery of Specialized Habilitation (SH) and Supported Community Connections (SCC)



Agenda

1. Review September 10th Stakeholder Meeting
2. Discuss rates & limitations for SH tiers
3. Receive feedback on SH rates & limitations
4. Review proposed tiered approach to SCC
5. Receive feedback on SCC proposal
6. Determine next steps

September 10th Meeting

- Due to technical difficulties, meeting was not recorded
 - PowerPoint PDF on [LTSS COVID-19 Response webpage](#)
- Reviewed [Operational Memo 20-083](#)
 - Temporary modifications to Day Habilitation Services
- Discussed 3-Tiered Structure for SH
 - Tier 1 - Virtual Only
 - Tier 2 - Current Service Delivery
 - Tier 3 - Individual SH
- Received feedback on tiered structure proposal
- Discussed a similar approach to SCC

3-Tier Structure to SH Review

- Tier 1 - Virtual Services Only
 - Lower reimbursement rate
- Tier 2 - Current Service Delivery Model
 - Services provided as they were pre-pandemic
 - Reimbursement rate remains as is
- Tier 3 - Individual SH
 - Reimbursement rate would be higher than current rate
 - Lower weekly maximum for number of billable units/hours under Tier 3

3-Tier Structure SH Rates

SIS Level	Tier 1 – Virtual Only*	Tier 2 – Current Practice	Tier 3 – Individual*
Level 1	\$1.95	\$2.57	\$4.35
Level 2	\$2.13	\$2.83	\$4.56
Level 3	\$2.35	\$3.15	\$4.85
Level 4	\$2.69	\$3.71	\$5.27
Level 5	\$3.28	\$4.59	\$5.93
Level 6	\$4.50	\$6.59	\$7.11
Level 7 – DD waiver only	\$8.04	\$10.38	\$11.24

***Proposed draft rates per 15-minute unit**



Current Day Hab. Unit Limits

- Maximum of 4,800 combined units of SH, SCC, and Prevocational Services per Service Plan year = about 23 hours of services a week
 - DD Waiver Only
- Maximum of 7,112 combined units of SH, SCC, Prevocational Services, and Supported Employment per Service Plan year = about 34 hours of services a week
 - DD and SLS Waivers



Proposed 3-Tier SH Limits

- Must remain cost neutral
- These limits are also combined with SCC, PreVoc, and Supported Employment
- Members not able to receive all 3 Tiers of SH during the same week
- Tier 2 cannot be provided during the same week as Tier 1 or 3
- Tier 1 & Tier 3 may be provided in the same week



Proposed 3-Tier SH Limits cont.

- Tier 1 - maximum of 15 hours/60 units a week
- Tier 2 - maintains current weekly/monthly limits
- Tier 3 - maximum of 5 hours/20 units a week

- Alternative idea - using a dollar amount limit instead of a unit limit

Feedback on SH Rates & Limits

- Are Tier 1 & Tier 3 proposed unit limits realistic?
- Would a dollar limit be easier to implement and track usage rather than a unit limit?
- What issues/obstacles do you see for providers?
- What impact would this have on the quality of SH service provided?
- Does this proposal provide enough flexibility for both providers & members?



Proposed 3-Tiers for SCC

- Tier 1 - Virtual SCC services Only
 - Lower reimbursement rate
 - Individual or small group SCC provided via telehealth - accessing the community virtually
- Tier 2 - Current practice and rate
 - Must meet all SCC requirements - meaning service must be provided out in the community
 - Members' legally responsible persons or HHPs who are temporarily providing SCC, as part of the Department's COVID temporary allowances, would fall under the Tier 2 rate
 - For more info on LRPs ([OM 20-060](#)) & HHPs ([OM 20-083](#))



Proposed 3-Tiers for SCC cont.

- Tier 3 - 1:1 in-person SCC
 - This tier would have 1 rate (like Community Connector) that would be higher than the current rate for SCC
 - The service would be entirely individual, utilizing the community as a learning environment
 - Lower weekly maximum for number of billable units/hours under Tier 3



Proposed Rates & Limits for 3-Tier SCC

- Rates are still to be determined
 - Tier 1 rates will be like Tier 1 SH rates
 - Tier 2 rates will remain at current rate
 - Tier 3 SCC will have 1 rate, instead of by SIS Level
- Tier 1 & Tier 3 could be combined in the same week
- Tier 3 would have a much lower unit limit
 - Likely similar to SH Tier 3 unit limit
- Tier 2 cannot be provided during the same week as Tier 1 or 3

Feedback on Proposed 3-Tier Structure for SCC

- What issues or obstacles do you see for providers?
- What impact would this have on the quality of SCC service provided?
- Does this provide enough flexibility for both providers and members?
- What other changes/modifications should be made?
- Are the proposed Tier 1 & Tier 3 limits realistic?

Next Steps

- Submit additional questions and feedback to HCPF_HCBS_Questions@state.co.us
- Department will publish Operational Memo outlining 3-Tier Structure for SH
- Department will finalize SCC proposal (rates and limits) and publish Operational Memo outlining 3-Tier Structure for SCC





Questions?



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Thank you!

