



Dear Case Managers,

Please review this entire email for important updates about the Alternative Care Facility (ACF) service rates and Post-Eligibility Treatment of Income (PETI) for members on the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) and Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) waivers. This information includes the following:

- ACF Ongoing Rate Increase as of April 1, 2022
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and Room and Board Changes as of January 1, 2022
- Automatic PETI Revision Process with changes effective April 1, 2022

ACF Ongoing Rate Increase

The temporary 2.11% rate increase funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for ACF has been extended and will continue to be in effect through June 30, 2022. The Base Wage Increase of an additional 33% for the ACF rate will continue as planned, until further notice. These combined rate increases will continue to be applied through the addition of lines on the Prior Authorization Request (PAR) that include a TU modifier and align with existing ACF service lines. These TU lines are automatically added to the PAR on a weekly basis by Gainwell, for both new and existing PARs. The ACF service provider needs to bill the corresponding TU line in order to be paid the enhanced rates.

The tables below outline the recent rate changes for the ACF lines and corresponding TU lines:

Service	Proc Code	Mod 1	Effective Date	End Date	Rate
T2031	U1/UA	TU	1/1/2021	3/31/2021	\$5.19
T2031	U1/UA	blank	1/1/2021	3/31/2021	\$64.89
<i>*Total amount when both lines are billed unless otherwise noted by PETI</i>					\$70.08

T2031	U1/UA	TU	4/1/2021	6/30/2021	\$1.37
T2031	U1/UA	blank	4/1/2021	6/30/2021	\$64.89
<i>*Total amount when both lines are billed unless otherwise noted by PETI</i>					\$66.26

T2031	U1/UA	TU	7/1/2021	12/31/2021	\$1.40
T2031	U1/UA	blank	7/1/2021	12/31/2021	\$66.51
<i>*Total amount when both lines are billed unless otherwise noted by PETI</i>					\$67.91

T2031	U1/UA	TU	1/1/2022	12/31/2299*	\$23.85
T2031	U1/UA	blank	1/1/2022	12/31/2299*	\$66.51
<i>*Total amount when both lines are billed unless otherwise noted by PETI</i>					\$90.36

12/31/2299* indicates this is the active rate unless otherwise updated.

SSI COLA and Room and Board Changes

Effective January 1, 2022, the monthly benefits for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) increased to \$841 and Old Age Pension (OAP) increased to \$879, due to Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA). The maximum Room and Board allowed to be charged to a resident of an Alternative Care Facility (ACF) or Supported Living Program (SLP) increased to \$720.00 per month. The Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) increased to \$121.00 per month for someone receiving the full SSI amount.

ACF, SLP	2021	2022
Room and Board	\$700	\$720
Personal Needs Amount	\$94	\$121

Auto-PETI Revision Process

The Department will automatically revise all PETI calculations and PAR lines to reflect the COLA and Room and Board increases that went into effect earlier this year. This Auto-PETI process will be conducted for ACF members for procedure code T2031 under the Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) and Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) waivers. This will reduce the need for case managers to manually update PETI worksheets and PARs. **The automated process will run in mid-March and it will apply the PETI and PAR changes as of April 1, 2022.**

The Auto-PETI run will include the following system actions:

- **For members with existing PAR/PETI lines that cross April 1, 2022:** *Case managers need not take action.* Gainwell Technologies will automatically end-date the existing active PETI worksheets for current ACF members on March 31, 2022. Existing active PAR lines for procedure code T2031 will automatically be end-dated on March 31, 2022. New PETI worksheets starting on April 1, 2022 will automatically be created for these members. New PAR lines starting on April 1, 2022 for procedure code T2031 will automatically be created, using the rate from the new PETI worksheet.
- **For members with ACF certifications starting throughout March 2022:** *Case managers should create these PARs and PETIs as soon as possible to ensure that Gainwell Technologies can automate the revision effective April 1, 2022.* Failure to create an ACF line and PETI worksheet that crosses April 1, 2022 will result in a line that will not be revised by Gainwell automatically.
- **For members with ACF certifications starting April 1, 2022 or later:** *Case managers should wait to create these PARs and PETIs until the Department confirms that the PETI has been updated to reflect the updated room and board rate.* For PETIs and PARs with ACF start dates on or after April 1, 2022 that have already been created, case managers must verify that the PETI reflects the correct room and board rate. As long as claims are not billed against the line, case managers will be able to revise/delete the PETI and the PAR accordingly.

Once the automated process has been run, case managers will need to check the new PETIs and PAR lines for accuracy. Case managers must send updated copies of PETIs and PARs to the member and provider. If a member has multiple PETI worksheets or PAR lines ending March 31, 2022, or later, the automated process will skip those members and case managers will need to update these manually. The Department will send additional communication to case managers once the automated process is complete, including guidance on how to complete these manual revisions. ***Please do not complete these manual revisions until further notice.***

For assistance with this process, please contact the Care and Case Management (CCM) Help Desk by emailing ccmhelpdesk@dxc.com and Cc: Lauren.Krzyminski@state.co.us.

Thank you,

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