



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform case management agencies (CMAs) of a 2% across-the-board (ATB) and base wage rate increase for Consumer-Directed Attendant Support Services (CDASS) for Homemaker, Enhanced Homemaker, Personal Care, and Health Maintenance Activities effective July 1, 2024. CMAs must follow the instructions below to complete rate changes for CDASS members.

Information:

CDASS rates will be increased effective July 1, 2024, for the following HCBS waivers: Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD), Brain Injury (BI), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), Complementary and Integrative Health (CIH), and Supported Living

Services (SLS). The following CDASS services are included: Homemaker, Enhanced Homemaker, Personal Care, and Health Maintenance Activities.

CDASS Rate Change Process

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) will automatically revise all CDASS PARs in the Bridge to reflect an updated CDASS Allocation that includes the new CDASS rates. The automated process will run early in June 2024. Gainwell Technologies will notify CMAs before and after the automated revision occurs in the Bridge. Case managers must ensure that the CDASS PAR in the Bridge is accurate prior to the automated system revision. If case managers have been unable to enter CDASS PARs in Bridge due to the current system errors, they must email hcpf_pdp@state.co.us by May 31, 2024.

Case managers are responsible for updating the Financial Management Services (FMS) Vendor PAR and for sending the Member Allocation Change Notification Letter to members.

CMAs must ensure all Bridge and FMS PAR revisions are completed and check that the automation process was applied correctly. Case managers must Log Note when the FMS PAR is updated and when the Member Allocation Change Letter has been sent to the Member in the Care and Case Management (CCM) System.

Additional Information for Case Managers

CMAs will receive additional information from the training and operations vendor, Consumer Direct of Colorado (CDCO), in late-May 2024, which will include:

- FMS Rate Change Guides
- Member Allocation Change Notification Letter template

Monthly allocation worksheets will be made available to CMAs on Friday, June 28, 2024. When notifying Members of their new annual and monthly allocations, please use the allocation amounts found in the FMS portal.

CMAs can expect additional communications from Gainwell Technologies with updates about the automated PAR revisions. If case managers experience any issues with the Bridge, they should contact Gainwell at ccmhelpdesk@gainwelltechnologies.com.

PAR Scenarios at Time of Automated Revisions	Bridge Functionality	Case Manager (CM) Bridge Responsibilities
PAR is current in Bridge and has an active Prior Authorization (PA) number	PAR will update with new units and Bridge will submit the PAR	none
PAR is entered in Bridge, but does not have an active PA number	PAR will update with new units, but Bridge will not submit the PAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • submit PAR in Bridge
PAR is entered in Bridge after the system automated revision occurs and has a CDASS start date earlier than 7/1/2024	PAR will not capture 7/1 rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete a manual PAR revision for 7/1 with a new monthly allocation • submit PAR in Bridge
PAR is inactive	PAR will not update with new units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete a manual PAR revision for 7/1 with a new monthly allocation • submit PAR in Bridge
No PAR	Automated revision will not occur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create PAR in Bridge • complete a PAR revision for 7/1 with a new monthly allocation • submit PAR in Bridge

Instructions for completing manual CDASS PAR Revisions can be found on the [HCPF Bridge Training website](#).

Utilization Management Reviews During Rate Change Period

Any PARs that exceed the Over Cost Containment (OCC) threshold of \$315/day solely due to the CDASS Rate Increase PAR revision will not require a Utilization Review/Utilization Management (UR/UM) review by Telligen. All PARs that require a Telligen review at the time of the initial assessment, continued stay review or service plan revision, should be submitted to Telligen following the standard process.

Timeline and Key Dates

Consumer Direct of Colorado (CDCO) provides rate change materials to CMAs	late-May 2024
FMS Vendor Question and Answer Sessions	<p>Palco</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 4, 2024</u> 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Registration Link</p> <p><u>Thursday, June 13, 2024</u> 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Registration Link</p> <p>PPL</p> <p><u>Tuesday, June 5, 2024</u> 3:00 PM Meeting Link</p> <p><u>Wednesday, June 12, 2024</u> 3:00 PM Meeting Link</p>
FMS PAR Revision Window	June 6, 2024 - June 19, 2024
Member Allocation Change Notification Letter Deadline	June 20, 2024
7/1/2024 Monthly Allocation Worksheets Available	June 28, 2024
Rate Change Effective Date	July 1, 2024

Attachment(s):

None

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