

Information Memorandum Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

Subject: Enhanced Wage Add-on Program

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Due date:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

This IM is being updated (in red font) to include Adult Day Service (ADS) providers in the Enhanced Wage Add-on Program, effective January 1, 2023.

Message:

The Oregon Legislature approved the Enhanced Wage Add-on Program to support specific facilities and In-Home Care Agencies with retention of employees with a specified wage rate or higher. This program is for Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs), Residential Care Facilities (RCFs), Memory Care (MC), In-Home Care Agencies (IHCAs) and Nursing Facilities (NFs). If a provider is approved for this program, they will receive an enhanced payment rate for Medicaid individuals. Please see Provider Alerts [CBC-21-006](#) and [NF-21-049](#) for more information about the program. The effective date for the enhanced rate, **for the providers listed above**, is October 1, 2021. **The Adult Day Services (ADS) is effective January 1, 2023.**

Community Based Care (ALF, RCF, MC):

- Central Office Actions: Central office will update the 512 system for any provider whose rate increases due to the enhanced rate. Local office staff that have access to the SENH screen can verify if the provider has the enhanced rate. The information will look like this:

Prov #	Prime #	Date From	Date To	Description
504656		07/01/2021	07/31/2022	CBC

Staff may also see the enhanced rate increase on an individual level through the RATZ screen (accessed through the 512 screens).

- Local Office Actions: None.
- Provider Actions: The steps the provider must take to request the enhanced payment is outlined in Provider Alert [CBC-21-006](#).

In-home Care Agency:

- Central Office Actions: The In-Home Care Agency provider record will be updated with Specialty Code 977 in MMIS. This Specialty Code indicates that the provider has been approved to receive the Enhanced Rate.
- Local Office Actions: None. The MMIS POC will remain the same.
- Provider Actions: The steps provided under [CBC-21-006](#) also applies to IHCAs. This information was emailed to all IHCAs that serve individuals receiving Medicaid services. The IHCA will bill with a “CG” modifier in the billing screen.

Nursing Facility:

- Central Office Actions: The NF provider record will be updated with Specialty Code 977 in MMIS. This Specialty Code indicates that the provider has been approved to receive the Enhanced Rate.
- Local Office Actions: None. The MMIS POC will remain the same.
- Provider Actions: The steps the provider must take to request the enhanced payment is outlined in Provider Alert [NF-21-049](#). When a provider is approved for the enhanced rate, the provider record has been updated with Specialty Code 977. The provider will need to submit the claim using Revenue Code 220.

Adult Day Services:

- Central Office Actions: The ADS provider record will be updated in the mainframe to reflect the provider has been approved to receive the Enhanced Rate.
- Local Office Actions: None. The ADS vouchers will continue to authorize as normal and providers will see the increase reflected in their rate of pay.
- Provider Actions: Providers must complete the CBC Enhanced Rate Wage Attestation Form and provide any supporting documentation. This form and instructions has been emailed to all ADS providers.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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