

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19):

Open for Public Comment: Temporary Fee Schedule Rate Changes in Community Participation Support and Transportation Trip Services ODP Announcement 21-030

AUDIENCE:

All Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this communication is to announce the public comment period for the temporary increases to the Fee Schedule Rates for Community Participation Support (CPS) services and Transportation Trip services effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. **Public comment will be accepted on these changes until 11:59 PM on May 3, 2021.**

DISCUSSION:

On February 3, 2021, the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) announced the implementation of temporary increases to Fee Schedule Rates to CPS and Transportation Trip services (see ODP Announcement [21-017](#)). This announcement also indicated that a notice would be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and include instructions for public comment on the temporary rate increases. On April 3, 2021, the notice was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* Volume 51, Number 14, marking the start of public comment period. The title of this notice is *Temporary Fee Schedule Rates for Community Participation Support and Transportation Trip Services Funded Through the Consolidated, Community Living, Person/Family Directed Support and Adult Autism Waivers and the Community Intellectual Disability Base-Funded Program*. You may obtain the notice by following this link:

<https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/pabulletin/data/vol51/51-14/525.html>

The increases to the rates for these services are being made due to impacts on service as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The temporary Fee Schedule Rates have been loaded to PROMISE and providers have been able to bill the increased Fee Schedule Rates starting February 3, 2021. The Home and Community Services Information System (HCSIS) was automatically updated to include the new CPS and Transportation Trip Fee Schedule Rates. Critical revisions to Individual Support Plans (ISPs) will not be necessary to implement the change to the Fee Schedule Rates. Providers should review service authorizations to confirm that they are billing the increased Fee Schedule Rate.

COMMENT: The publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* marks the start of a 30-day public comment period. Interested stakeholders may submit comments on these temporary increases until 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2021.

Comments received within 30 days of publication of this notice will be reviewed and considered for revisions to the rates. Written comments should be addressed to the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, Division of Provider Assistance and Rate Setting, 4th Floor, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments may also be sent to ra-ratesetting@pa.gov. Use subject header "PN COVID Fee Schedule."

FEE SCHEDULE RATES FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SUPPORT SERVICES

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

All rates in the table are per 15-minute unit.

Service	Procedure Code	Staff to Individual Ratio	Temporary Fee Schedule Rate	Temporary Fee Schedule Rate for Enhanced Communication
Community Participation Support - Facility	W7222	1:11 to 1:15	\$2.96	\$3.27
	W7223	1:7 to 1:10	\$3.18	\$3.61
	W7226	1:4 to 1:6	\$5.23	\$6.01
	W7224	1:2 to 1:3	\$6.84	\$7.90
	W7244	1:1	\$12.40	\$14.50
	W9353	1:1 Enhanced	\$17.27	\$20.66
	W7269	2:1	\$23.77	\$27.96
	W9356	2:1 Enhanced	\$28.65	\$34.12
Community Participation Support – Community	W9351	1:2 to 1:3	\$6.98	\$8.02
	W9352	2:3	\$10.43	\$13.60
	W5996	1:1	\$12.81	\$14.97
	W5997	1:1 Enhanced	\$17.83	\$21.38
	W5993	2:1	\$24.62	\$29.07
	W5994	2:1 Enhanced	\$29.70	\$35.43

**FEE SCHEDULE RATES FOR TRANSPORTATION TRIP SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021**

Service	Unit of Service	Procedure Code	Temporary Fee Schedule Rate
Transportation Trip	Zone 1 (greater than 0 and up to 10 miles)	W7274	\$33.83
	Zone 2 (greater than 10 miles and up to 30 miles)	W7275	\$60.91
	Zone 4 (over 30 miles)	W7276	\$69.19