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TO: Medicaid I/DD Waiver Providers

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SUBJECT: Revised I/DD Waiver Rate Sheet for COVID-19 Emergency

Please find attached the revised Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Medicaid Waiver rate sheet issued June 8, 2020, with an effective date of March 1, 2020. The attached generic rate sheet lists all the available services, codes, and rates under the I/DD Medicaid Waiver. This rate sheet replaces the rate sheet issued on May 1, 2020, with Medicaid I/DD Waiver transmittal memo number FY2020-07.

The rate sheet has been revised to add two new services related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

1. **Retainer Payments** are available for the following services:
 - a. Residential Habilitation (ResHab) retainer payments apply, during the emergency period, when a participant exceeds the 21 days of absence already funded through the ResHab rates in the participant's plan year.
 - i. The provider will use the existing authorization and does not need to request a separate "COVID-19" authorization from the case manager.
 - ii. The provider **must include "99" in the Place of Service** field. The "99" Place of Service code should not be used for any ResHab service other than for the retainer payment.
 - iii. Refer to the DDD Appendix K Operational Guidelines, version 3, issued 5/13/20, pages 49-50.
 - b. Adult Day Health (ADH), Community Learning Service – Group (CLS-G), and Individual Employment Support – Job Coaching (IES-JC) retainer payments apply, during the emergency period, for providers that have not reduced aggregate wages for direct support workers (DSWs) of these services by more than 25 percent during the month for which the provider submits for a retainer payment.
 - i. The retainer payments are limited to 90 percent of the difference between the average amount billed during a baseline period to the

- actual amount of service billed in the month for which the retainer is being claimed.
 - ii. Each provider authorized to deliver ADH, CLS-G, and/or IES-JC will receive information that is specific to your agency for the retainer amounts to use in calculating your retainer claims.
 - iii. Retainer payment authorizations are being uploaded from INSPIRE directly to Conduent. The provider does not need to request a “COVID-19” authorization from the case manager.
 - iv. Refer to the DDD Appendix K Operational Guidelines, version 3, issued 5/13/20, pages 50-52.
2. **Medical Respite** is a daily service that is delivered by an approved provider to support participants who have needs related to a COVID-19 diagnosis, including those participants who have tested positive or are presumptive positive and require self-isolation, have been exposed to COVID-19 and require quarantine, and/or during recovery from the disease.
- a. The case manager will authorize Medical Respite at the RN rate, with or without room and board as applicable.
 - i. The provider will submit claims with the correct modifier to indicate the level of staffing that provided the majority of care during that day, i.e., by the RN, LPN or Certified Nurse Aide (CNA).
 - ii. DDD will offer technical assistance to approved providers for claims submission.
 - b. Refer to the DDD Appendix K Operational Guidelines, version 3, issued 5/13/20, pages 16-19.

As a reminder, the changes related to the COVID-19 emergency will be in effect and available for use with authorized services effective March 1, 2020, for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency with the Appendix K waiver amendment or February 28, 2021, whichever is sooner.

If your agency is currently authorized to provide any of the service changes related to the COVID-19 emergency, a revised provider-specific rate sheet listing the specific waiver services your agency is authorized to provide will be distributed to you shortly.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call the Community Resources Branch at (808) 733-2135.

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