

**BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR WAIVER
PROVIDERS
Appendix K Increases to Rates
December 2022**

RETROACTIVE RATE INCREASES:

On December 13, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved DDD's Appendix K amendment to retroactively increase rates to implement the 2020 rate study with revisions to account for the increase in Hawaii's minimum wage. The [2020 rate study was revised on October 1, 2022](#) to include the increase in Hawaii's minimum wage from \$10.10 to \$12.00 per hour, which increased the rates for a substantial number of services. The rates for services for which the rate study recommended a reduction will not be implemented at this time.

The rate increases will be retroactive to dates of services on and after October 1, 2022, and funds will be available to support these increases through June 30, 2023. Extending the rate increases beyond this date will be contingent on available funding.

The rate increases are primarily intended to benefit the direct support workforce. To measure the impact of the increased rates, all providers who employ direct support professionals (DSPs) – staff whose primary job involves delivering Residential Habilitation (ResHab), Personal Assistance/ Habilitation (PAB), Adult Day Health (ADH), Community Learning Services (CLS), and/or Respite – are required to submit a quarterly DSP workforce report. These reports are due by the 15th of the month after the end of the quarter. For example, the report for October through December 2022 is due by January 15, 2023. Reports should be submitted to Barry Smith (bsmith@healthmanagement.com) with the Burns & Associates division of Health Management Associates, the consulting firm that conducted the 2020 rate study. Providers who do not submit the report are not eligible to bill the increased rates for ResHab, PAB, ADH, CLS, or Respite.

Individual Support Budget (ISB) ranges will be adjusted to account for the rate increases, as participants' budgets will increase with the changes in rates. The new ISB ranges and the new rates for all eligible services will be updated in INSPIRE on February 1, 2023.

*****Please note that the increases in participants' budgets are directly related to the increase in rates and do not affect the number of service units currently authorized. Service needs will continue to be assessed and addressed at the participant's Individualized Service Plan meeting(s).***

BILLING INFORMATION:

1. Beginning February 1, 2023, Providers may start billing for services at the new rates. Providers may also amend their previously paid claims to include the rate change. *Important reminder that claims eligible for an adjustment are only for services delivered on or after October 1, 2022.*
 - a. Adjusted claims may be submitted electronically or in hard copy.

- b. Claims must be submitted within 12 months from the date of service.
- 2. The *I/DD Waiver Services Schedule of Rates Effective 10/1/2022* (Schedule of Rates Issued December 2022) has been revised to include the new rates for eligible waiver services.
 - a. Refer to *Column H*, labeled “*Rate end date 9/30/22*”, for the rate that must be used for services delivered prior to October 1, 2022.
 - b. Refer to *Column I*, labeled “*Rate start date 10/1/22*” for the new rate that may be used for services delivered on or after October 1, 2022.
- 3. New service authorizations will not be required for Providers to bill at the new rates. There have been no changes to codes or modifiers, however, please note that the new rates will **not** be reflected in Medicaid Online.
- 4. Reminder that Providers that bill for services at the increased rates must submit a quarterly statement to the DDD. Reports should be submitted to Barry Smith (bsmith@healthmanagement.com) with the Burns & Associates division of Health Management Associates, the consulting firm that conducted the 2020 rate study. Providers who do not submit the report are not eligible to bill the increased rates for ResHab, PAB, ADH, CLS, or Respite.

CONSUMER DIRECTED (CD) SERVICES:

Any CD employee who had a wage of below \$12.00 per hour prior to October 1, 2022, should have already received an increase in their hourly wage to at least \$12.00 on or before October 1, 2022. If CD employers choose to increase the wages of their employees based on the new wage range, they must work with Acumen.