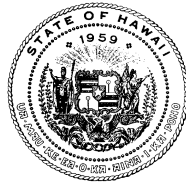


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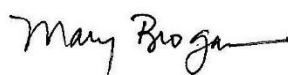
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Medicaid I/DD Waiver
Memo No.: FY2024-05
Date: December 8, 2023

TO: Maui County Medicaid I/DD Waiver Providers

FROM: Mary Brogan, Administrator
Developmental Disabilities Division 

SUBJECT: Maui Wildfires Appendix K and I/DD Waiver Rate Sheet Effective August 8, 2023,
Issued December 8, 2023

The Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) submitted and received approval from the Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for two Appendix K amendments in response to the Maui Wildfires. The Appendix K provides flexibilities in the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (Medicaid I/DD Waiver) necessary to respond to the declared disaster. The Appendix K flexibilities and operational procedures can be found on the DDD website: [DDD Appendix K Operational Guidelines Maui Wildfires](#).

The first Appendix K for the Maui Wildfires included the telehealth option for certain services, Retainer Payments for certain services, and Temporary Rate Adjustments (TRAs), which was the difference between the current rates and the Big Island rates, for certain services. As we heard more from the provider community about challenges trying to hire and retain staff, we submitted a second Appendix K to increase the TRAs to 25% of the current rates, which is significantly higher than the original TRAs in the first Appendix K. A revision to the TRA section of the Operational Guidelines is attached. Please replace pages 26-27 of the Operational Guidelines with the attached.

The purpose of this memo is to inform providers that the rates, codes and modifiers have been entered and you may begin to submit claims for the Retainers and the TRAs, retroactively from August 8, 2023, with an approved service authorization. See the [DDD Appendix K Operational Guidelines Maui Wildfires](#) for billing instructions. Please find attached the Medicaid I/DD Waiver rate sheet effective August 8, 2023, issued December 8, 2023 for Maui County providers only. The attached generic rate sheet lists all the available services, codes, and rates under the

Medicaid I/DD Waiver through the Appendix K for the Maui Wildfires and is in addition to the regular generic rate sheet.

The rate sheet includes the following:

- 1) Temporarily add telehealth for certain services, including service codes, modifiers, and rates.
- 2) Temporarily add TRAs for certain services, including service codes and modifiers.
- 3) Temporarily add Retainer Payments for certain services, including service codes and modifiers.

The provider-specific rate sheet listing the specific waiver services your agency is authorized to provide will be distributed shortly (Maui County providers will have two rate sheets).

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Resources Branch at (808) 733-2135.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing quality services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Attachments

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