

# TEMPORARY RATE ADJUSTMENTS

## Appendix K Flexibilities:

Adult Day Health (ADH), Additional Residential Supports (ARS), Chore, Community Learning Services (CLS), Community Navigator, Discovery & Career Planning (DCP), Individual Employment Supports (IES), Non-Medical Transportation (NMT), Personal Assistance/Habilitation (PAB), Private Duty Nursing (PDN), Residential Habilitation (ResHab), Respite, and Training & Consultation (T&C)

Temporary rate adjustments (TRA) are intended to support a viable provider network in order to ensure that services are available to participants. DDD will temporarily increase the fee-for-service payment rates for the duration of the Maui wildfires disaster.

Providers in Maui County may bill the TRAs, which **is an increase of 25% of** ~~are the difference between the~~ current rates ~~and the Big Island rates~~ for the above listed services. The additional funding is to account for additional travel time and distance as well as other increased costs due to the impacts of the declared disaster for the Maui wildfires.

## Operational Guidance

Case Management	<p>Separate codes for the TRAs were created to be billed in addition to the existing base rates for all services listed above.</p> <p>The TRA will not be counted against the limits established by individual supports budgets.</p> <p><u>Initial Authorizations</u> <i>The case manager will not need to input the authorizations for the initial TRAs. These authorizations will be imported into INSPIRE.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. An initial set of TRA authorizations will be created centrally in September 2023. Case managers did not need to take any action for those initial TRA authorizations for the period from August 8, 2023 to the end of the participant's plan year.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. For every existing authorization for a service that received a TRA, a corresponding TRA authorization was established.</li><li>b. The number of units authorized for the TRA was equal to the number of units originally authorized for the service to which the TRA applies.</li><li>c. TRAs have unique codes for the above listed services. The codes are included in INSPIRE as well as in the revised Master Rate Sheet.</li></ol></li></ol> <p><u>Service Authorization with TRA for Plan Years Beginning on or After November 1, 2023</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. TRA authorizations for plan years starting November 1, 2023 through August 7, 2024:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The case manager will generate the service authorization and the accompanying TRA authorization for services subject to TRA for participants with plan years that start on or after November 1, 2023.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. For every authorization for a service listed above, a corresponding TRA authorization is needed.</li></ol></li></ol></li></ol>
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	<p>ii. The number of units authorized for the TRA is equal to the number of units authorized for the service to which the TRA applies.</p>
Providers	<p>Separate codes for the TRAs were created to be billed in addition to the existing base rates and codes for the above listed services.</p> <p>The TRA will not be counted against the limits established by individual supports budgets.</p> <p><u>Service Authorization</u> See Case Manager Service Authorization section above.</p> <p><u>Billing Instructions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For services subject to TRA, the provider must submit a claim for both the service and the accompanying TRA.</li> <li>2. The TRA may be billed for services provided starting August 8, 2023. If providers have already billed for those services from August 8, 2023, only a claim for the corresponding TRA will need to be submitted.</li> <li>3. The TRA will be billed in addition to the rate for the service to which the TRA applies (see Authorization section). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For every service with a TRA, there will be two claims for each unit of service provided – one unit for the authorized service at the standard rate and one unit for the TRA, which reflects the additional funding.</li> <li>b. TRAs have unique codes for the above listed services. The codes are included in the revised Master Rate Sheet.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. If the provider is submitting a claim for a retainer payment in a month in which the agency is also submitting claims for services delivered and the TRA, the billing for the TRA must be counted in the calculation of the retainer (that is, the TRAs are included in the determination of the actual billing, which is subtracted from the amount that may be billed for the retainer; see the Billing Instructions for Retainer Payments).</li> </ol>

**References:** N/A

