

Preparation for the Upcoming Rate Increases for the Adult Autism Waiver

ODP Announcement 22-021

AUDIENCE:

Providers and Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs) in the Adult Autism Waiver and Other Interested Parties.

PURPOSE:

To provide guidance on the upcoming rate increases for the Adult Autism Waiver.

DISCUSSION:

Per the final public notice for Fee Schedule Rates and Department-established fees for services rendered through the Adult Autism Waiver which is scheduled to be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on February 26, 2022, the anticipated effective date for the Fee Schedule Rates and Department-established fees is July 1, 2021.

Compensation beginning March 1, 2022

The new rates will be implemented in the Home and Community Services Information System (HCSIS) on March 1, 2022. All Individual Support Plans (ISPs), including ISPs in draft, pending review, or pending approval status, will be updated with the new rates for each of the applicable services.

An additional fiscal segment will automatically be added on each ISP for each service that is impacted by the rate change. Providers are strongly encouraged to review Service Authorization Notices or the Provider Service Detail report in HCSIS to confirm the new

rates were loaded, authorized and that they are billing the increased Fee Schedule Rate before attempting to bill for any services rendered March 1, 2022 and after.

Compensation for the Period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022

The updated fee schedule rates will not be loaded in ISPs for the period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. Providers should bill normally for any services rendered from July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. ODP will be compensating providers, via gross adjustments, for the difference between the rate billed and the updated fee schedule rate for dates of service rendered during the period July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022. This is intended to eliminate the provider's effort of voiding and re-billing claims. ODP anticipates processing gross adjustments during the April to May 2022 timeframe to ensure all billing for dates of service July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022 has been completed. Providers are strongly encouraged to bill in a timely manner to minimize the need for corrections.

Billing For Services – Date Spanning

Providers who date span when billing should avoid billing for services rendered on or before February 28, 2022 and services rendered on or after March 1, 2022 on the same claim. This will ensure the rate differences between the periods are processed and applied appropriately. Providers should pay close attention to the billed amount they enter on the claim and ensure it reflects the appropriate rate for the appropriate date.

CONTACT:

Questions about this communication should be directed to the Adult Autism Waiver Claims Monitoring Mailbox at RA-PWAAWClmsMonitor@pa.gov.