



Provider Rates Changes Overview

SUMMER 2022

Overview

Rate Changes for SFY23

Effective July 1st, 2022

Most services received 6% increase

Services that received other changes will be covered today

We will be taking additional questions on Transition to Extended Services as we continue to define this process and service, but other questions regarding these changes should be directed to the office district supervisor

Project Skills Wages

Project Skills Wages are now \$11.00

After several years of keeping Project Skills Wages at minimum wage, we've now increased the rate to better match wages being paid in similar level jobs in the state

Client Milage

Now \$0.42 per mile versus \$0.23 per mile

It was felt with the increase cost of gas as well as inflation seen in all areas increasing the prices in vehicle maintenance and repair, it was appropriate to increase the amount we were reimbursing clients for mileage to an amount that would provide better coverage/assistance with their travel

Customized Employment Discovery

10 percent increase on top of 6% increase across the board

This increase was made as we have been evaluating services available that require additional training and certification and evaluating if our old rates were appropriate based on the requirements we put in place.

Because of the training required to provide CE Discovery Services, we felt this needed an additional increase

All CE services were not increase and CE job coaching, CE follow along, etc could be provided by someone not CE certified (although that's preferred).

Transition to Extended Services

For Supported Employment individuals

Help VR support transition to DD/MH Extended Services/Funding

Meeting with VR Counselor, Case Manager, and Agency where plans are solidified about how the person will transition to DD/MH Funding for employment supports (Extended Services)

Once this occurs, an incentive will be paid to the agency who will be providing the Extended Services

- For SFY23 this rate is \$1,113.28
- Will be authorized along with other job placement services
- The counselor should receive an updated service plan from the agency that reflects the services discussed in this meeting prior to payment of this incentive

Transition to Extended Services

This applies to Traditional VR Services and CE Services

- Further discussion will occur with how this will pay into MHO Services

Must keep case open 90 days once transitioned to Extended Services

- Cases will be open more than the typical 90 day from start of employment timeframe
- If being served by a provider outside of agency providing extended services, some individuals may be being served by provider and extended services provider at same time
 - When this occurs, the provider and extended service agency should communicate and collaborate to support this individual through the transition to make it as smooth as possible for the individual and employer
- During this time, VR will be available to aid IF needed, but the intent is for the services to be provided by the long-term support provider
 - There will not be duplication of services, but rather a “warm hand off” between VR and the long-term support provider

With a new service, there will be a lot of unknowns

Part of this training is to collect a list of questions everyone has and to create a FAQ document that will be distributed in the near future.

Transition to Extended Services

Due to different payment structure, this incentive will not be paid for individuals receiving Family Support 360 services

Due to no long-term funding, this incentive will also not be paid to private providers

- If there is a unique situation where payment of incentive may be appropriate in the situations above, this must be reviewed and approved by the state office

This incentive will not be paid when individuals are going to be supported by family members

Follow Along

VR is able to cover time-limited follow along BEFORE extended services starts

Previously, anyone receiving HCBS funding, the Follow along had to come from this

- VR will now cover follow along until the Extended Services begin
- At that point, Extended Services should be covering this service

60 Day Employment Incentive

Previously 90 Day Employment Incentive

We have doubled the amount of this incentive and made it payable at 60 days of employment instead of 90 days

This was done for two reasons

- To create a better incentive, especially for providers serving individuals that will transition to extended employment because their case will need to be kept open longer, delaying the payment of successful closure incentive
- To better differentiate between the Days of Employment and Successful Closure Incentive. Often in the past, these were billed together because the case was closed at 90 days of successful employment. However, as we serve individuals with more significant needs, there is usually a benefit or need to keeping the case open longer to provide supports and the 90 Days Employed and 26 Closure no longer happen at the same time in many situations

Questions?

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