

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**12/28/23 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID
STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

DD Professional Services

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to establish professional rates for services provided to beneficiaries who are identified by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals as developmentally disabled and will be reimbursed at distinct rates. Rates will differ based on whether the service is delivered in a community setting or in an office or via telehealth.

This change is proposed to take effect on January 1, 2024, and is anticipated to have a fiscal impact of \$1.2 million in SFY 24 and \$2.5 million in SFY 25 (all funds).

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2407 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by January 27, 2024 to Brittany Church, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Brittany.Church@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2407.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of this notice.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services does not discriminate against individuals based on race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religious belief, political belief, or handicap in acceptance for or provision of services or employment in its programs or activities.

Original signed by Richard Charest, Secretary, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Signed this 28th day of December, 2023

Rehabilitative Services

All payments for Rehabilitative Services are made directly to the qualified Medicaid professional or to the agencies employing the providers. Payments to agencies will be for discrete units of service. All providers rendering the service will meet qualifications as detailed below.

All willing and qualified providers are permitted to participate in accordance with 42 CFR §431.51.

The State varies the fee schedule based on the education level or other qualifications of the provider.

Governmental and Private Providers

There are no governmental providers of this service.

Publication:

All rates are published and can be found at www.dhs.ri.gov www.cohhs.ri.gov.

Clinician's Services

Payments are made to or on behalf of the qualified provider. Individual payments are made in recognition, either directly or to an employer, of an individual qualified practitioner's service.

The basis of payment is a 15-minute unit of service per qualified provider.

Enhanced Rate for Services Provided to Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities.
Services provided to beneficiaries who are identified by the Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals as developmentally disabled will be reimbursed at distinct rates, which will differ based on whether the service is delivered in a community setting or in an office or via telehealth.

Rate Increases:

The State does not increase rates based on a set inflation factor on a pre-determined basis.

Date of Effective Rates:

The agency rates were set as of January 1, 202408 and are effective for services on or after that date.

z Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy

- Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Physical Therapy. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~October 1, 2018~~January 1, 2024, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <https://providersearch.riproviderportal.org/ProviderSearchEOHHS/FFSFeeSchedule.aspx>
- Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Occupational Therapy. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~October 1, 2018~~January 1, 2024, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <https://providersearch.riproviderportal.org/ProviderSearchEOHHS/FFSFeeSchedule.aspx>
- Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of Speech Therapy. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of ~~October 1, 2018~~January 1, 2024, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at <https://providersearch.riproviderportal.org/ProviderSearchEOHHS/FFSFeeSchedule.aspx>

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