



RI Medicaid

Provider Reference Manual







Home Stabilization

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INTRODUCTION

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), in conjunction with Gainwell Technologies, developed provider manuals for all RI Medicaid Providers. The purpose of this guide is to assist Medicaid providers with Medicaid policy, coverage information and claim reimbursement for this program. General information is found in the [General Guidelines Reference Manual](#). The Medicaid Customer Service Help Desk is also available to answer questions not covered in these manuals.

Gainwell Technologies can be reached by calling:

- 1-401-784-8100 for local and long-distance calls
- 1-800-964-6211 for in-state toll calls or border community calls

Provider Participation Guidelines

To participate in the Medicaid program, providers must be located and performing services in Rhode Island.

The EOHHS will certify qualified Home Stabilization and Home Find providers who offer a range of time-limited flexible services to coach individuals in maintaining successful tenancy and assistance with securing housing if homeless or at risk of losing housing. Providers must have approval from EOHHS before enrolling as a Medicaid Provider. The certification process is defined on the [EOHHS website](#). A certification letter will be issued to the provider upon approval.

Provider Enrollment

Providers who wish to enroll with RI Medicaid, should view the instructions in the [General Guidelines Reference Manual](#). Enrollment is completed electronically through the [Healthcare Portal](#). Providers must send a copy of the certification letter to the Gainwell Technologies Enrollment Unit, when completing their application for enrollment. The form may be uploaded as part of the electronic application process, faxed to Gainwell Technologies at (401) 784-3892, or mailed to the Enrollment Unit at Gainwell Technologies, PO Box 2010, Warwick, RI 02887.

Reimbursement of Claims

Claims Billing Guidelines

Claims should be submitted electronically.

Providers may download free claims billing software, [Provider Electronic Solutions](#) (PES) from the EOHHS website. Instructions for using the software are available on the PES webpage.

If a paper claim must be submitted, it should be billed on the CMS 1500 claim form. Instructions for completing the CMS 1500 claim form are located on the [Claims Processing](#) page.

Reimbursement Guidelines

Prior Authorization

All Home Stabilization and Home Find services will require a Prior Authorization (PA) Form and the EOHHS Home Stabilization Prior Authorization Form. The PA is limited to one member of each household. Home Stabilization and Home Find providers should use the standard [Prior Authorization form](#) along with EOHHS [Home Stabilization Prior Authorization Request Form](#). Both forms must be faxed to the attention of the Prior Authorization Unit at Gainwell Technologies at 401-784-3892. Prior Authorization forms without the Referral Form will not be reviewed. The diagnosis code for the Prior Authorization request is Z59.9.

Prior Authorization status is verified within the [Healthcare Portal](#). Written notification of incomplete requests is returned to the provider by fax. A prior authorization will allow a provider to bill up to 6 months of service for each eligible Medicaid beneficiary. Based on re-evaluation of need, additional prior authorizations may be requested.

For Entities That Provide Both Community Health Worker and Home Stabilization Services

It is permissible for an entity to enroll as a Home Stabilization Services (HSS) provider and also as a Community Health Worker (CHW) provider. However, in any given month, for any given Medicaid beneficiary, such an entity may only bill one of these service types, not both. HSS are reimbursed on a monthly basis for each participating Medicaid beneficiary. CHW services are reimbursed based on 15-minute billing units. If an entity bills HSS for a beneficiary, they are not permitted to also bill CHW services for that beneficiary that same month. The reverse is also true; if an entity submits a CHW claim for a beneficiary in a given month, the entity can continue to submit additional CHW claims during that month but may not also bill the HSS monthly rate. Entities are permitted to bill HSS for some beneficiaries and CHW for other beneficiaries in the same month. Entities are permitted to bill HSS for a given beneficiary in one month and switch to CHW service for that beneficiary the next month (or CHW one month and HSS the next). It is only billing both services for the same person in the same month that is not permitted.

Covered and Non-Covered Services

Home Stabilization

Home Stabilization is designed to provide supports to Medicaid beneficiaries so that they can continue to live in their home. Home Stabilization services are established as Medicaid services which are eligible for reimbursement for Medicaid eligible beneficiaries who do not receive home find or tenancy retention case management services through another federally funded program administered by the State. Services included are intended to be broad, flexible, and promote community integration and independence in housing.

The Medicaid Program covers services provided by certified providers for home stabilization. Providers must use procedure code H0044, Supported Housing per month. The reimbursement rate is \$331.00 per member per month. Claims will only be processed if a prior authorization is present. The diagnosis codes for home stabilization services is Z59.9.

This service is out of plan for Rlite Care, Rhody Health Options, Rhody Health Partners, PACE, and Medicaid Expansion. Payment will be the lesser of billed or Medicaid's allowed amount.

Home Find

Home Find services provide a time-limited set of support services that promote an individual's ability to obtain housing in a self-sufficient manner. These services include: conducting tenant screening and housing assessments that identify the participants' preferences and barriers related to successful tenancy; developing an individualized housing support plan based on housing assessment; assisting with the housing application and search process; identify community resources and potential funding sources to cover moving and start-up expenses; ensuring that the living environment is safe and ready to move-in; and developing a housing support crisis plan.

This service is billed monthly using procedure code H0044 U1, Supported Housing, per month, and is reimbursed at \$331.00. This service requires prior authorization.

Recipient Eligibility

When verifying eligibility in the Healthcare Portal, individuals who are eligible for Categorically or Medically Needy Services may be entitled to Home Stabilization or Home Find services.

Benefit Plan Details				
Plan Name	Effective From Date	Effective To Date	Base Deductible	Message
Categorically Needy Services	01/01/2016	03/31/2016	\$0.00	Limitations apply to Vision and Dental services
Coordinated Care	01/01/2016	03/31/2016	\$0.00	Eligible for Coordinated Care Services

Instructions for enrolling as a Trading Partner and using the Healthcare Portal are found at: <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/HealthcarePortal.aspx>.

Appendix

Claim Preparation Instructions

[CMS 1500 Form Filing Instructions](#) 

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