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# Rhode Island Medicaid Program April 2025 Provider Update

State Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays in 2025

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Memorial Day     | Monday, May 26th        |
| Juneteenth       | Thursday, June 19th     |
| Independence Day | Friday, July 4th        |
| Victory Day      | Monday, August 11th     |
| Labor Day        | Monday, September 1st   |
| Columbus Day     | Monday, October 13th    |
| Veterans' Day    | Tuesday, November 11th  |
| Thanksgiving Day | Thursday, November 27th |
| Christmas Day    | Thursday, December 25th |

**Please Note!**

**The RI Medicaid Customer Service Help Desk/Call Center will also be closed on the same days.**

**The RI Medicaid Health Care Portal (HCP) is available 24 hrs./7 days for Member Eligibility, Claim Status, View Remittance Advice and View Remittance Advice Payment Amount.**

Click [here](#) for the HCP login page.

**If you're a provider enrolled in the Medicaid program and provide services to the community, and you do not have a trading partner number to access the health care portal, please consider enrolling for one. You could benefit in using the web services for eligibility verification, claim status and other important information to support your billing needs.**



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**RI Medicaid  
Customer Service  
Help Desk for  
Providers**  
Available Monday—Friday  
**8:00 AM-5:00 PM**  
**(401) 784-8100**  
for local and  
long distance calls  
**(800) 964-6211**  
for in-state toll calls



## **RIBridges Alert**

Please see instructions below to assist Medicaid members with:

If you try to navigate to the HealthyRhode website and are instead sent to the CyberAlert website, please delete your browsing history, also known as **clearing your cache**, and try again.

Si intenta navegar al sitio web de HealthyRhode y, en cambio, se le envía al sitio web de CyberAlert, elimine su historial de navegación, también **conocido como borrar su caché**, y vuelva a intentarlo.

### **Applying for Benefits**

The customer portal, [healthyrhode.ri.gov](https://healthyrhode.ri.gov), is now available to all new and existing users. The HealthyRhode mobile app is unavailable at this time. You can continue to apply for benefits using the online portal, by phone by calling 1-855-697-4347, in person at a DHS office, or by mail. Visit <https://dhs.ri.gov/apply-now> for more information. **Please click here to find application assistance.**

## **EOHHS Community Newsletter**

Each quarter, we distribute a community newsletter that provides detailed updates from EOHHS, RI Medicaid, and our sister agencies. Our newsletter establishes a regular cadence to connect with community partners and stakeholders by providing them with up-to-date and pertinent information about health and human services initiatives, programs, and related engagement and outreach activities.

[Sign up for EOHHS' Community Newsletter](#) to stay updated on health and human services initiatives, programs, and outreach efforts! It's the best way to stay in the know about all our community-focused work.

## **EOHHS Now Accepting Applications for New Medicaid Advisory Committees**

Rhode Island Medicaid is always working to make services better for our members. Your voice, perspective, and input help us serve Rhode Island better. Starting in July 2025, we are launching two new groups: a Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC) and a Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC).

The BAC is only open to Medicaid beneficiaries, their families, or caregivers. We encourage community members, providers, or advocates who wish to be involved in sharing their experiences and opinions with us to apply to join the MAC.

- Spots are limited so interested individuals must apply to participate in either the BAC or MAC by April 21. ***If you are an advocate or community partner*** interested in applying to the MAC, [please click here to learn more and apply](#).
- If you know someone who is or was a Medicaid beneficiary***, please consider sharing information about the BAC with them. Shareable resources are available at the bottom of [this web page](#).

To learn more about the BAC and MAC, please visit [eohhs.ri.gov/Medicaid-BAC-MAC](https://eohhs.ri.gov/Medicaid-BAC-MAC).

## **Provider Revalidation: Revalidation is Due**

Revalidation letters were mailed to affected providers on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Providers had 35 days to comply with the revalidation. If you are one of the provider types listed below and you have not revalidated, please plan to complete this process now. Failure to not comply will result in claim suspension.

If you did not receive your revalidation notice, please email the Provider Enrollment team to request a copy at: [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com)

### **Here are a few tips to prepare:**

- ⇒ A provider will have 35 days to complete their revalidation from the date of the letter.
- ⇒ Make sure to have an updated W9 ready for upload.
- ⇒ Be prepared for those disclosure questions, which can be reviewed here – [Enrollment Disclosures \(ri.gov\)](#)
- ⇒ We have a handy Provider Enrollment User Guide located here – <https://eohhs.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur226/files/2024-02/Provider%20Revalidation%20Guide.pdf> to help answer pre-revalidation questions.
- ⇒ We also have a new FAQ located HERE - [Revalidation FAQ Sheet.docx \(live.com\)](#)

### **Providers Required to Revalidate:**

|                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Dentist                            | Habilitation Group Home                |
| Podiatrist                         | Severely Disabled Nursing Homecare     |
| Optometrist                        | BHDDH Behavioral Health Group          |
| Optician                           | Head Start                             |
| Skilled Nursing                    | Personal Care Aide/Assistant           |
| Licensed Therapist                 | Other Therapies/Hippotherapy           |
| Chiropractor                       | Comprehensive Lead Center              |
| Freestanding Dialysis              | Home/Center Based Therapeutic Services |
| Rural Health Clinic                | CEDARRS Center                         |
| Indian Health Service              | RlteShare Copay Providers              |
| Children's Behavioral Health Group | School Dental Clinic                   |
| Local Education Associate (LEA)    | BHDDH DD Agencies                      |
| Early Intervention                 | Nurse Anesthetist                      |
| Substance Abuse Rehab              | Licensed Dietician/Nutritionist        |
| CMHC/Rehab Option                  | Cortical Integrative Therapy           |

If you have questions, please contact the Customer Service Help Desk at 401-784-8100 or 800-964-6211 for instate toll calls or email [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com).

## **Provider Enrollment—Help via Enrollment Email**

Are you seeking assistance from Provider Enrollment by using [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com)?

For all email requests please include a NPI in the subject line of the email for faster processing.

Here are helpful hints that will help to expedite your request:

1. Always include your Business NPI and if applicable, the Provider's Name and NPI in the subject line of the email if:
  - A. You are inquiring about Provider Status within your group.
  - B. You are inquiring about a paper application that you sent in to add a provider.
    - i. Always include the date you mailed in the application as this helps us locate your application quicker.
  - C. You are inquiring about a service address update.
  - D. You are inquiring about enrollment status.
  - E. You are inquiring about a welcome letter.
  - F. You are locked out of the Health Care Portal.
    - i. Email [riediservices@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:riediservices@gainwelltechnologies.com)
    - ii. Please include your User ID in the email.
2. Terminations—due to auditing requirements, you cannot put more than one termination request per page.
  - A. Please remember to include the individual's NPI, your business NPI, and the termination date.
  - B. If the provider is enrolled in multiple groups, you must send in separate termination requests for each group.
  - C. Please send these requests in PDF form.
3. Address updates—due to auditing requirements, please only put one provider address update per provider change form.
  - A. Businesses or providers enrolled as individuals can change all addresses (Pay to, Mail to, Service) these changes can be updated on one Provider Change Form.
    - i. To download a copy of our newest Provider Change Information form, [click here](#).
    - ii. Please note that if you change a Pay To address a new W9 is required with an inked signature. No digital signatures are allowed and the **W9 must be dated for the month the request came in.**
  - B. Providers within a group can only update Service address or Mail To addresses.
    - i. If the provider has a new Service location and the business has one Mail To address, please do not change the Mail To address.
      - i. The Mail To address should only be updated if the Business has updated their Mail To address.
4. License Updates
  - A. Please send these as PDF forms.
  - B. Please include the Group NPI along with the provider's individual NPI.
5. Active Providers within your organization request
  - A. We can verify that Providers are active within your organization if you provide a listing to us which includes:
    - i. Name of Provider
    - ii. NPI of Provider
    - iii. NPI of Organization

When replying to an email from [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com) please be sure to REPLY ALL to make sure that the email chain is intact if we need to forward to someone else for assistance.

If you would like to speak to someone instead of emailing your question, you can call our help desk at 401-784-8100.

We are happy to assist you in whichever way works best for your situation.

## **Provider Change in Enrollment: The Seasons are Changing and Potentially Your Staffing!**

While you let RI Medicaid know about providers leaving the practice during revalidation, RI Medicaid needs to be notified of this as it's happening.

Accurate enrollment is needed to ensure updates are made correctly.

If you no longer wish to be FFS RI Medicaid provider and be reimbursed for services provided to RI FFS Medicaid recipients or you've changed groups within the RI Medicaid program please send a written termination statement to [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com) or fax to 401-784-3892 with the following:

- Group Name
- Group NPI
- Associated Provider Name
- Associated Provider NPI
- The date of Termination

Please note, if you are a provider with one of the Medicaid MCOs in Rhode Island, you will be required to complete a MCO screening application if you terminate your RI FFS Medicaid Enrollment.

If you have questions, please contact the Customer Service Help Desk at 401-784-8100 or 800-964-6211 or email our provider enrollment department at [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com).

In addition, please see [Provider Enrollment General Frequently Asked Question \(FAQ\)](#) document found on the EOHHS website as a reference.

### **Adding A New Provider to An Existing Group – Form Update**

We have recently changed our RI Medicaid paper application “Adding A New Provider to An Existing Group” to include a new “Date of Birth” field for an attending. This will allow us to accurately screen new providers in accordance with CMS guidelines.

The updated application can be found on the EOHHS website [Welcome | Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#) under Providers & Partners > Provider Enrollment > Adding a Provider, Rlte Share, and LEA Providers section. If you click on New Provider Joining an Existing Group link this will take you to the “Medicaid Provider Application”.

**Please begin using this new form immediately!**

Thank you for your continued participation in our Medicaid Program and please feel free to reach out to our Help Desk 401-784-8100 or Enrollment Team [rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rienrollment@gainwelltechnologies.com) for any additional questions.

## Attention Chiropractor Providers

RI FFS Medicaid will be covering chiropractic services, as we wait for this implementation to fully roll out, please see the new policy information below.

The following table lists all chiropractor services reimbursable through the Medicaid Program. The table shows the procedure code, service description and the number of units.

Only the three CPT codes above are reimbursable through the Medicaid Program; all other services are considered non-covered for chiropractor providers. Please see the chiropractor provider manual for more information:

[RI Medicaid Provider Reference Manual – Chiropractor](#)

For in state chiropractor providers. You will be required to submit a prior authorization after the twelfth (12th) visit with a member within a 365-day period. This means that if the thirteenth (13th) visit would be within 365 days of the member’s first visit, you must submit a prior authorization in order to be reimbursed for that thirteenth (13th) visit. You will need to attach clinical notes with the prior authorization form for consideration of the service being covered past the initial twelve (12) visits within a 365-day period. Here is a link to the chiropractic prior authorization form: [Chiropractor Prior Auth Form.pdf](#)

| Procedure Code | Description  | Units  |
|----------------|--|--------|
| 98940          | CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (CMT); SPINAL, ONE TO TWO REGIONS    | 1 UNIT |
| 98941          | CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (CMT); SPINAL, THREE TO FOUR REGIONS | 1 UNIT |
| 98942          | CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT (CMT); SPINAL, FIVE REGIONS          | 1 UNIT |

Please reach out to your provider representative, Andrea Rohrer at [andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com) if you have any questions.

## Attention FQHC Providers

FFS RI Medicaid is now able to cover crossover claims for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) for FQHC claim submissions. Any claims that were submitted within the last two years will be reprocessed to pay the lesser of crossover logic, which is documented below.

**Professional Crossovers-The Medicaid Program will pay the lesser of:**

- I. The difference between the Medicaid Program allowed amount and the Medicare Payment (Medicaid Program allowed minus Medicare paid); or
- II. The Medicare coinsurance and deductible up to the Medicaid Program allowed amount.

These claims have been adjusted and are on the remittance advice date of 02/28/2025.

All claims that are within the timely filing guidelines can be retro billed for reimbursement. Claims that are now considered timely will be denied for timely filing if submitted greater than 1 year since date of service.

Please contact your provider representative, Andrea Rohrer at [andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com) if you have any questions.

## RI Certified Community Behavior Health Clinics

Rhode Island's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) launched on October 1, 2024. A CCBHC is an outpatient clinic that is certified by the State of Rhode Island to offer expanded behavioral health services. CCBHCs serve anyone who walks through the door, regardless of age, diagnosis, or insurance status. At a CCBHC, a team of trained health professionals can:

- Provide mental health support to you or a loved one,
- Help you or a loved one with substance use condition, and/or
- Provider 24/7 crisis support.

What kind of behavioral health services do CCBHCs offer?

CCBHCs offer many types of behavioral health services, which may include:

- Mobile crisis response, 24/7/365
- Screening, diagnosis, and risk assessment
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services
- Outpatient primary care screening and monitoring
- Targeted case management
- Outpatient mental health and substance use services
- Person- and family-centered treatment planning
- Community-based mental health care for veterans
- Peer family support and counselor services

## Rate Review Status Update

As of December 3, 2024, EOHHS received federal approval of the state's updated FY25 reimbursement rates, authorized in the 1115 Waiver, per the OHIC rate review, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Rates authorized by the Medicaid State Plan are still pending CMS approval.

- **Managed Care:** The MCOs have either implemented or are in process of implementing updated rates. They are working on their own system updates or working with providers on updating their individual contracts. Providers should reach out to MCO contacts for details.
- **Fee-for-Service:**
  - Non-home health rates not subject to EVV are ready to bill. Mass adjustments for previously submitted claims with service dates between 10/1/2024 and 10/16/2024 were included in the 11/29/2024 remittance advice.
  - Mass adjustments for home health rates subject to EVV were included in the 11/29/2024 remittance advices.

Updates will be posted [here](#) when they're available. Please check back often.

## **Required Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Provider and Direct support Professional (DSP) Training**

Pursuant to the federal Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) quality assurance requirements under 42 C.F.R. § 441.302 for all Rhode Island Medicaid HCBS providers and direct support professionals, Rhode Island is requiring annual completion of this training for anyone working directly with HCBS participants. Completion of this training annually is part of the quality measures Rhode Island reports to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the HCBS program.

Providers and direct support professionals working with HCBS participants must register for a TRAIN account (instructions available here) to complete the required training on an annual basis. Agencies working with HCBS participants are responsible for ensuring that each of their relevant staff members completes this required training. Please review the instructions for creating a TRAIN account, which also includes the course information, the group code to register, and contact information for assistance if needed.

Direct care workers and/or direct support professionals working for the following HCBS provider types are required to complete the training:

- Assisted Living
- Conflict Free Case Manager (CFCM)
- Cognitive Disability Organization (CDO) and Developmental Disability Organization (DDO)
- Home Care
- Home Delivered Meal
- Shared Living
- Personal Choice

The training covers essential information related to HCBS and the Final Rule, including HCBS consumer rights, person-centered care, conflict free case management (CFCM), and critical incidents. Also included is information related to the No Wrong Door (NWD) approach for long term supports and services (LTSS) and how implicit bias can impact person-centered planning. The training was developed by an interagency team, using CMS guidelines to ensure compliance. Agencies working with HCBS participants cannot adapt materials in this training into their own training curriculum; employees of these agencies need to complete the training as is on the TRAIN platform.

The training instructions and training is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).

Please reach out to your state agency program contact or [ohhs.ltssnwd@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:ohhs.ltssnwd@ohhs.ri.gov) with any questions.

## Immediate Dentures

Immediate dentures are now a covered benefit through RI Medicaid. While we await full rollout, if you have a patient who would benefit from this service you may use corresponding conventional denture codes. Existing frequency limitations apply.

| <b>Use the Following Corresponding Codes below</b> | <b>Immediate Denture Codes</b>     |
|--|------------------------------------|
| D5110 - COMPLETE DENTURE-MAXILLARY                 | D5130- IMMEDIATE DENTURE-MAXILLARY |
| D5120 -COMPLETE DENTURE-MANDIBULAR                 | D5140-IMMEDIATE DENTURE-MANDIBULAR |
| D5211- UPPER PARTIAL-RESIN BASE (INCLUDING         | D5221-IMMEDIATE UPPER PARTIAL      |
| D5212- LOWER PARTIAL-RESIN BASE (INCLUDING         | D5222- IMMEDIATE LOWER PARTIAL     |

Once you receive notice that the immediate denture codes have taken effect in Medicaid's system, then you will bill accordingly using the immediate denture codes.

Please contact Andrea Rohrer, RI Medicaid Provider Representative, [andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com) if you have any questions.

## 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.

If you have questions, please contact your provider representatives. For CHW providers you will contact Andrea Rohrer at [andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:andrea.rohrer@gainwelltechnologies.com) and for HSS providers you will contact Fidelia Williams-Edward at [fidelia.williams@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:fidelia.williams@gainwelltechnologies.com).

## **Behavioral Health Providers & Z Code Billing**

For behavioral health providers, especially those working with infants and young children, EOHHS wants to ensure awareness of the ability to utilize a Z code, rather than a clinical diagnosis, for claims submissions. In instances where behavioral health needs are identified but a diagnosis is not yet known and/or not specified, providers can use an appropriate Z-code when billing. As a reminder, Z codes meet the federal requirement for claims and do not indicate a diagnosis of a mental health disorder.

For all Medicaid members, Z codes can be used during the assessment phase of treatment, including before a mental health disorder diagnosis has been established. Z codes can also be used after the assessment phase, as a behavioral health disorder diagnosis is not a prerequisite to receive medically necessary services. The assessment or other documentation in the medical record should substantiate the use of a Z code. Please refer to the [CMS coding guidelines](#) for additional information about Z codes, including when Z codes can be used as a primary diagnosis.

### **Attention Nursing Home Providers: Cost of Care (COC) or Applied Income updates**

For beneficiaries admitted and or residing in an Institution/Nursing Home, liability toward the cost of care/applied income begins on the eligibility date and/or the first (1st) day of the month in which an application is filed.

**For LTSS beneficiaries transitioning to and/or from a Nursing Home, the beneficiary liability is recalculated to reflect the below:**

**Institution to HCBS/Assisted Living:** If the LTSS beneficiary is discharged to the community or Assisted Living, the beneficiary is responsible for paying the Cost of Care (COC) for their last month at the Nursing Facility. Partial month beneficiary liability may apply when the LTSS beneficiary receives services for less than a full month due to discharge or change in LTSS living arrangements, such as nursing facility to home or ALF. The beneficiary and/or the Nursing home can apply for the partial month consideration by submitting an LTSS change form to DHS. DHS will pro-rate the COC and adjust the beneficiary liability accordingly.

**Institution to Death:** For discharge to death, beneficiary liability for death month is \$0.

**HCBS to Institution:** If the beneficiary transitions from HCBS or Assisted Living to the Nursing Home on the first of the month, the beneficiary is responsible for the full beneficiary liability to the Nursing Home for the month of admission. If the transition happens from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the end of that month, the COC will be adjusted accordingly.

For case processing and eligibility-related questions, Nursing Home Facilities can contact DHS NF provider email: [DHS.NursingHomeInquiries@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:DHS.NursingHomeInquiries@dhs.ri.gov)

## **FYI - Information being sent to families with renewals for households with children under Katie Beckett turning 19 and aging out:**

Katie Beckett is a Medicaid eligibility category for children under age 19 who are otherwise not eligible for Medicaid (based on family income) yet have serious, chronic, disabling conditions or complex medical needs, live at home, and would otherwise qualify to live in an institution. Children are eligible for Katie Beckett based on their clinical needs and their income and resources, not those of their parents. **Children who turn 19 and age out of Katie Beckett will be reviewed for another Medicaid eligibility category including MAGI (income-based Medicaid), or Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) as a disabled adult (EAD) or through the BHDDH-DD program.** Program participants who are between the ages of 19-21 and are found to be SSI eligible by SSA would be transitioned to SSI Medicaid to cover these services. Any assistance providers can give to families with the information below is appreciated.

DHS/EOHHS is working diligently with families of children in Katie Beckett to avoid service disruption. Please respond immediately to all letters and calls requesting additional information to allow DHS to review and transition your child smoothly into the next potential Medicaid eligibility category.

For assistance, questions, or concerns, please contact the LTSS Coverage line at 401-574-8474 or email the Katie Beckett team at [DHS.PedClinicals@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:DHS.PedClinicals@dhs.ri.gov)

## **Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) Providers: 2025 Room and Board (R&B) and Cost of Care (COC) Updates**

Effective January 1, 2025, the monthly Room and Board (R&B) Rate for all Medicaid LTSS Assisted Living participants with income below \$2901 or 300% of the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) **will be \$1299** to reflect the Year 2025 Federal Benefit Rate (FBR).

Residents with income above the 300% FBR will be \$2901 and adjusted accordingly based on single or double room occupancy.

Cost of Care (COC) may also change to reflect the 2025 COLA for customers who are receiving SSA benefits and other income with annual COLA increases.

For customers with income below \$1299, their R&B may be less as such we encourage providers to help them apply for Category D to support their Room and Board.

For assistance, questions, or concerns, please contact the DHS Assisted Living provider Email:

[DHS.AssistedLivingIntakes@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:DHS.AssistedLivingIntakes@dhs.ri.gov).

## **EOHHS Launches Interactive Health Workforce Data Dashboard**

The RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services' new, interactive Health Workforce Data Dashboard takes a major step forward in understanding important characteristics of Rhode Island's licensed health professional workforce. The dashboard provides valuable insights into local employment trends through the lens of equity, income levels, demographic details, and more. For example:

- Many licensed RI health professionals are not employed in RI
- Black and Hispanic Registered Nurses are more likely than White RNs to have started their nursing career as a Nursing Assistant.
- 41% of all Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors employed in RI graduated from RIC
- Hospitals tend to have the highest median annual wages among healthcare settings

To view more data, visit our new, interactive Health Workforce Data Dashboard: <https://eohhs.ri.gov/health-workforce-dashboard>.

## **Post-eligibility Verifications Are Back for Medicaid Members**

The State has begun conducting post-eligibility verifications (PEV) to confirm continued Medicaid eligibility for members. PEV occurs quarterly and is in addition to a member's annual Medicaid renewal. Rhode Island uses State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA) data from the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training to make sure the information members provide is accurate and complete. You can help Medicaid members get ready for PEV by reminding them to respond with any requested documents right away if they receive a letter, text, or email from the State. You can also remind members to make sure their contact information is up to date.

[Learn more about post-eligibility verifications \(PEV\) for Medicaid members.](#)

## **Pediatric Preventive Schedule**

The Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Health, is releasing updated Preventive Pediatric Recommendations, also known as the 'EPSDT Periodicity Schedule.' These updates align with guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics and are summarized below:

- Extended schedule up to age 21
- Addition of screening for Hepatitis B
- Addition of screening for Hepatitis C
- Addition of screening for Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Sudden Cardiac Death
- Addition of screening for cervical dysplasia
- Renaming of "Developmental/Behavioral Health" to "Developmental/Social/Behavioral/Mental Health"
- Renaming of "Psychosocial Behavioral Assessment" to "Behavioral/Social/Emotional Screening"
- Addition of Fluoride Varnish and Fluoride Supplementation
- Footnote and Anticipatory Guidance updates

Please see the updated Preventive Pediatric Schedule [here](#).

## **Rhode Island Health Care System Planning Foundational Report**

As required by the Governor's February 2024 [Executive Order](#) establishing the Health Care System Planning Cabinet, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services is pleased to share that the 2024 Health Care System Planning Foundational Report is now available online at [eohhs.ri.gov/RI-Health-Care-System-Planning/Reports](https://eohhs.ri.gov/RI-Health-Care-System-Planning/Reports). The new report web page contains the following information:

- Background on the Health Care System Planning Cabinet's stakeholder engagement process
- The full Foundational Report
- A Summary Report
- Short-term recommendations from the Health Care System Planning Report (four pages). These recommendations will be put forth for Cabinet consideration and prioritization in 2025.
- Full list of recommendations excerpted from the Health Care System Planning Report (25 pages).

### *Background: The Cabinet, Community Engagement, and Data-Driven Decision-Making*

The Health Care System Planning Foundational Report summarizes the efforts, findings, and recommendations from the first year of [Rhode Island's Health Care System Planning Cabinet](#). It compiles input from a vibrant stakeholder process, including the participation of representatives from 11 state agencies and over 40 provider organizations, businesses, labor organizations, current health care planning tables, and community-based groups. Participants were organized into the EOHHS Independent Advisory Council, and then into 6 workgroups. In addition, the Cabinet hosted upwards of 150 experts—doctors, hospital leadership, behavioral health providers, community leaders, and state staff—at an in person retreat in November 2024.

In addition to the report, the process supported the creation of several data dashboards and visuals for the Cabinet and workgroups. These dashboards will allow the Cabinet and Advisory Council to make data-driven decisions as the planning process continues. These dashboards and visuals can be found on [the RI Health Care System Planning Data Center](#).

## **SFY 24 HCBS Shift Differential Attestations Due 7/31/25**

2021 R.I. Public Law 162 directed EOHHS to oversee a wage passthrough program related to home and community service (HCBS) shift differential payments. Shift differentials are paid between 3:00 PM and 7:00 AM on weekdays and all hours on weekends and State holidays (referred to as “off-shift”) for Personal Care (S5125) and Combined Personal Care/Homemaker (S5125-UI) services.

Effective July 1, 2021 (SFY 2022), the existing shift differential (\$0.37) was increased by \$0.19 to \$0.56 per 15-minute unit of service. One hundred percent (100%) of the \$0.19 per 15-minute service unit (or \$0.76 per hour) increase must be passed through to the nursing assistant that rendered the service.

Employers must annually, on or before 7/31, submit to EOHHS an attestation affirming that all eligible employees received one-hundred percent (100%) of the increase in shift differential (\$0.76/hour) for all hours worked “off shift” during the preceding July 1 – June 30. (For SFY 24, the attestation period is 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024). **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DUE DATE FOR THESE SUBMISSIONS IS NOW ON JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>.** Employers must maintain payroll records that itemize the shift differential paid to eligible employees. Such payroll records shall indicate the shift differential, if any, that employees received, and shall demonstrate that all eligible employees received an increase of at least \$0.76/hour for all “off-shift” hours worked.

**Home Healthcare agency required shift differential pass-through amounts are now available on the EOHHS website with the attestation form (link included below).**

The SFY 24 Attestation and the pass-through amounts by agency are available on the EOHHS website: [SFY 24 Home Health Agency Shift Differentials Increase | Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#)

Providers who have not yet submitted the SFY 23 attestation may do so here: [SFY 23 Home Health Agency Shift Differentials Increase | Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#)

Questions regarding the attestations may be sent to Medicaid Finance at [OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov).

## **Updates to the Healthy Rhode Mobile App for Customers**

The Healthy Rhode Mobile App recently underwent important updates to enhance both customer experience and operations efficiency. In addition to providing a wider array of support services through the mobile app, it is expected these enhancements will also serve to improve the customer experience both in-person and via the call center by offering the types of services commonly sought through both of these venues, likely resulting in shorter wait times. These upgrades include:

- Displaying previously submitted documents, appointments, banner messages, and notices
- Allowing customers to enter reasonable explanations, along with the documents upload
- Allowing customers to reset passwords and recover their username via one-time password
- Allowing customers to login via Biometrics
- Notifying customers of key dates and information pertinent to their case
- Allowing customers to create accounts, reset passwords, and recover their usernames
- Allowing customers to opt into text messages and push notifications
- Allowing customers to view their Medicaid ID on the mobile app
- Allowing customers to get on-demand updates of the status of their applications or recertifications/interims or periodic verifications
- Allowing customers the ability to submit simple changes to their case and household through the mobile app

These upgrades continue to further advance the customer service focus by addressing some of their most common needs. The ability to accomplish many of these necessary tasks through the mobile app is an exciting and extremely useful step that will help customers more quickly and efficiently accomplish tasks important to ensuring access to and continuity of benefits.

## Attention All Users of the Healthcare Portal

It is that time of the year where we begin to think about spring cleaning...If you have a **delegate user** who at one time logged into the Healthcare portal to check eligibility, claims status etc. and no longer works for your organization, please remember to update your trading partner profile.

If you are a **master user** and once was a delegate user, please make sure to inactivate your delegate user ID.

Please follow the steps below to update your information.

1. Login to the portal using the trading partner number.
2. Select Manage Accounts found on the left-hand side of the screen and scroll to the bottom.
3. Review the delegates associated with the trading partner.
4. If they no longer work for your organization, select their name, and inactivate them by checking the box off.
5. Once you have completed this business task, please send your trading partner number along with a list of the users that can be deleted (because they are no longer active with your office) to [riediservices@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:riediservices@gainwelltechnologies.com).

### Staying Connected

Are you a trading partner with RI Medicaid? Have you changed external or internal business processes? Have you had internal staff changes? If your contact information is out of date, you might miss vital information for your covered providers. Stay connected to RI Medicaid and send your email address to [riproviderservices@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:riproviderservices@gainwelltechnologies.com) so that you can receive the monthly provider update with essential information for your covered providers.

### **Clearing Houses/Billing Agencies – Managing your Trading Partner Profile**

Did you know you are responsible for managing the covered providers located in your trading partner profile? What does this mean? If you wish to conduct business on the providers behalf, you must add their NPI to your Covered Providers. If you would like to download the 835/277U transactions for the provider, you must also **check off** the 835/277U transaction boxes. Did you know when the provider no longer wants you to download their 835/277U, you **must** remove the NPI from your covered providers? Please select the link below for instructions on how to **add** and **remove** your covered providers.

#### [Managing Covered Provider Guide](#)

**\*\*\* If you are no longer practicing business with a covered provider,  
please end date that NPI\*\*\***

## Healthcare Portal Recipient Eligibility Verification

The Healthcare Portal functionality for verifying eligibility allows providers to check the previous thirty-six (36) months and two (2) months into the future from the present date. The maximum span of three (3) months per inquiry is allowed. The timely filing rule of one (1) year from date of service applies to claims processing.

**Eligibility Verification Request** ?

\* Indicates a required field.

Please select or enter valid Provider information. Either a Billing Provider or Rendering Provider can be specified. Status indicated for the Billing Provider is based upon the current state.

**NPI** 
**Provider Type** 
**Taxonomy**

**Billing Provider**

**Rendering Provider**

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The Provider ID will only be used for atypical providers who do not qualify for an NPI and Taxonomy.

**Provider ID**

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Please enter Recipient ID.

**For CNOM Providers only:** If the Recipient ID is not known, please enter the Recipient's Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial (if known), Birth Date, Effective From Date, and Payer.

**Recipient ID**

**Last Name** 
**First Name** 
**MI** 
**Birth Date**

**Payer**

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Date range may be 36 months prior to today / 2 months into the future, with a maximum 3-month date span.

**Effective From Date** 
**Effective To Date**

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[Show More Service Type Codes](#)

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## Information Regarding Remittance Advice

### Just a reminder.....

As a reminder, remittance advice (RA) documents are accessed through the Healthcare Portal. The most recent four RA documents are available for download.



Providers must download and save or print these documents in a timely manner to ensure access to the information needed. When a new RA becomes available, the oldest document is removed, and providers are unable to access it. The Payment and Processing calendar lists the dates of the RA for your convenience.

RI Medicaid does not provide printed copies of RA documents. Please see the financial schedule [here](#).

## **Application Assistance for Medicaid LTSS**

Sometimes, people applying for Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) through Medicaid need help understanding or completing the application. There are many ways Rhode Islanders can get support.

**Rhode Island's Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)**, also known as [the Point](#), can help guide people through the applications process. Staff are also trained in [person-centered options counseling \(PCOC\)](#). That means they can help people with disabilities, older adults, and their families identify their health care goals and make informed choices about their care.

Many **community organizations or agencies** like the ones listed [here](#) can help. If you work for an agency that helps people complete benefit applications, consider extending that support to Rhode Islanders who may need LTSS through Medicaid.

The people around us play an important role in our health. **Anyone can help a friend, family member, or client** apply for LTSS through Medicaid.

It is important to know that:

- Whether someone is applying for LTSS through Medicaid for the first time or they're already a client, that person retains their right to choose their preferred service and provider at all times.


Individuals must meet financial and clinical criteria to qualify for LTSS through Medicaid. To learn more about eligibility and how to help someone apply, visit [this web page form the RI Department of Human Services](#).

Applications for LTSS through Medicaid can be completed and submitted on-line, or printed and submitted by mail or in person at <https://dhs.ri.gov/apply-now>.



### **The OHA Community (MDE010) Program Transition to LTSS/HCBS (MCS010) program**

The OHA Community (MDE010) program within MMIS and CSM will be end dated on March 8, 2025. All service authorizations associated with OHA Community will be transited to the LTSS/HCBS (MCS010) program. This change will occur automatically and **does not** require any action from providers. This will not impact billing for providers.



## Nursing Home Transition Program and Money Follows the Person

[The Nursing Home Transition Program and Money Follows the Person program \(NHTP\) can offer support to your facility, helping residents who are eligible for Medicaid return to the community, when appropriate.](#)

Referrals to the program can come from nursing home staff, residents, family, or others. On receiving a referral, the NHTP Transition Team provides information and support to develop a plan and facilitate the transition, including coordinating community services and supports, helping find housing, obtaining necessary household goods and furniture, and assisting with the move.

Transition services are available to individuals who are directly served through the RI Medicaid office and those who are served by a managed care organization.

Following a move, the Team maintains weekly contact with an individual for the first thirty days and establishes a care management plan for subsequent follow up.

To refer someone interested in discussing options for returning to the community, complete a referral form and fax it to (401) 462-4266. The form can be found on the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services website via a link on the Nursing Home Transition Program webpage: <https://eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/NursingHomeTransitionProgram.aspx>.

We welcome your questions and feedback and are happy to meet with your staff. Please contact us by email at [ohhs.ocp@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:ohhs.ocp@ohhs.ri.gov), by telephone at (401) 462-6393 or individually using the information below.

### Contact Information

Robert Ethier  
Money Follows the Person Program Director  
[robert.ethier.ctr@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:robert.ethier.ctr@ohhs.ri.gov)  
(401) 462-4312

## SFY 24 Nursing Facility Wage Pass Through Reporting Due 7/31/25

Pursuant to [Rhode Island General Law § 40-8-19](#), nursing facilities are required to pass through 80% of any rate increase to the direct care, indirect care, and other direct care components of the nursing facility payment between 10/1/2023 and 9/30/2024. Current law also requires that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services collect certification forms from nursing facilities attesting to compliance with the required wage pass through.

The FFY2024 Nursing Facility Wage Pass-Through portal is now live. EOHHS has also posted the required pass-through amounts for each facility as well as provider guidance. The portal, pass-through amounts, and guidance can be accessed in the Nursing Home provider directory on the EOHHS website, linked here: [Nursing Homes | Executive Office of Health and Human Services](#)

The deadline to submit the FFY 2024 (10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024) attestation is **7/31/2025**.

Required information can be submitted in three ways:

Upload an Excel file using the Excel template available in the portal. **No other Excel files will be accepted.**

Upload copies of collective bargaining agreements, if applicable.

Manual entry of employee information

EOHHS recommends that facilities utilize options one and two as these will lessen the amount of time it takes to complete the certification.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the Medicaid Finance Team via email

([OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:OHHS.MedicaidFinance@ohhs.ri.gov)).

Best,

Medicaid Finance Team



## **Attention Nonskilled Home Care, Skilled Home Care, BHDDH DD, Personal Choice, and Hospice Providers**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act requires that electronic visit verification (EVV) systems capture six (6) data points to comply with EVV program requirements from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As such, the following must be validated on each claim:

1. Service Type;
2. Individual receiving the service;
3. Date of Service;
4. Location of service delivery (should be place of service = HOME);
5. Individual providing the service; and,
6. Begin and end times of service (Log in and log out time matches what is being billed, for example, two hours of service are being billed, there should be a log in and log out to match the two hours of billing).

This memo serves as formal notice to home care providers and home health agencies that starting with claims with dates of service on **April 1, 2025**, and moving forward, RI Medicaid will begin performing automated claims validation on Fee-for-Service billing to identify if the six (6) data elements required by EVV are present to ensure compliance with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.

If the automated claims validation process determines that there is not a match for the six (6) required data elements for EVV and your claim suspends, your remittance will show one of three error codes:

- ESC 994 - EVV Fields Not Yet Found
- ESC 995 - Missing All EVV Fields
- ESC 996 - One or More EVV Fields Missing

Once EVV edits are active a provider's claim will suspend if:

- You do not have an EVV record on file.
- You do not have all six (6) data points required for an EVV record.
- The EVV records service type, CPT/HCPCS code does not match the claim submitted.

These codes will suspend the claim for thirty (30) days to validate if EVV data is received, is corrected, or continues to be incorrect or missing. It is the providers responsibility to review these error codes and make necessary corrections. If EVV data continues to be incorrect or missing after 30 days, the claim will deny.

If you need EVV technical assistance and use the Sandata application, please e-mail [RIcustomer-care@sandata.com](mailto:RIcustomer-care@sandata.com). If you use a third party application please e-mail [RIaltev@sandata.com](mailto:RIaltev@sandata.com) or refer to the Alt EVV addendum RI Alternate EVV Specifications 4.2.



## Attention Nursing Home, Hospice and RICLASS Providers – CSM Users

**Gainwell Technology will be offering two sessions reviewing this change. Please note that the trainings have been postponed. Providers will be notified when the rescheduled training dates are. Please continue to prepare for this change by following the below instructions.**

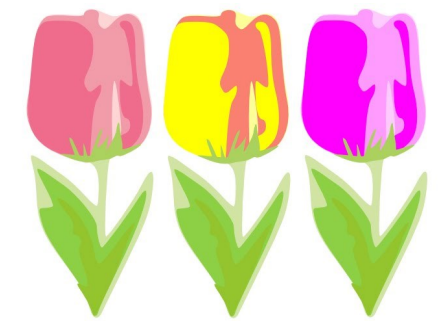
EOHHS has requested that Gainwell move the Nursing Home Admission/Discharge slip functionality from Community Supports Management (CSM) web application to the Healthcare portal (HCP). This will include moving the Nursing Home Admission/Discharge Dashboard currently used by case managers to update the statuses of current slips. One of the CSM features in use today is for health care providers to report the admission and discharge of a Medicaid recipient to a nursing facility for long-term care services.

RI Gainwell will move the Admission/Discharge Slip process and Dashboard from the current CSM platform to a new admission/discharge slips web page and dashboard in the HCP. Today providers who have trading partner IDs will have access to enter Admission/Discharge Slips on the Healthcare portal.

In addition to providers using the new platform, Case workers and Case Managers will also access the Admission/Discharge Dashboard allowing them to update the status of existing slips.

In preparation for the new functionality on the healthcare portal, we will provide training prior to implementation of the new function early next year. In the meantime, we are asking for you to review your current access.

- If you do not currently have access to the healthcare portal but use the CSM platform, the primary/master user of the trading partner number will need to add you as a delegate user of the portal. Once you have been added as a delegate user to the healthcare portal, you will need to register. For instructions on how to register select [RI Medicaid Healthcare Portal](#).
- As the primary/master user of the health care portal, you will need to add new delegate users and provide them with the information needed to register their information creating a security profile. For instructions on how to add delegate users select [RI Medicaid Healthcare Portal](#). Once the new function has moved to production (Winter 2025) you will check off the new function **Admit/Discharge Role** for your delegate users.
- If you are a current CSM and HCP user, there will be a one-time update to add the admit/discharge functionality if you are a current CSM and HCP user.



## **Attention Community Supports Management (CSM) Users**

The Community Supports Management Website was designed to help users enter forms electronically. Users can enter the following forms on the CSM without a need to fax them over to the local DHS office.

Nursing Home Admission Slips

Nursing Home Discharge Slips

In order to gain access to the CSM Website, **all new users must fill out and submit a CSM User ID** form which can be found on the [www.eohhs.ri.gov](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov) website. Please email the completed form to [Nelson.Aguiar@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:Nelson.Aguiar@gainwelltechnologies.com).

Once the form is received, please allow 7-10 business days to process your request. The user will receive an email with their CSM User ID, a temporary password, and a link to the CSM with some basic instructions on logging in.

Please remember that passwords must be between six and eight alphanumeric characters in length, contain no special characters or spaces, cannot be all nines and expire every 90 days.

**For passwords that require Gainwell to reset them for you, please email [rixix-ticket-system@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rixix-ticket-system@gainwelltechnologies.com).**

### **\*Important Reminder**

Please remember as a user of the Rhode Island Community Supports Management System (CSM), it is your agency's responsibility, upon someone leaving your workforce, to notify the State of Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services or Gainwell to revoke access to the CSM. Requests for termination of access must be sent on the CSM User Form, with the selection of "Delete" at the top of the form. Please send the form to [Nelson.Aguiar@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:Nelson.Aguiar@gainwelltechnologies.com) to have the worker's access to CSM removed. It is our shared responsibility to prevent unauthorized access to the CSM and to protect and safeguard the Personal Health Information of our Health & Human Services program enrollees.

## Pharmacy Spotlight



### **Attention FFS Pharmacy Providers – Stand Alone Vaccine Counseling**

The Rhode Island Medicaid Fee-for-Service (FFS) program will be implementing the **Stand Alone Vaccine Counseling** project in Spring 2025. This project allows pharmacies to be reimbursed for vaccine counseling services using the Service Billing (S1) and Service Reversals (S2) Transactions on the NCPDP transaction standard for the services listed below.

This implementation is necessary due to the requirements posed in the CMS SHO #22-002 and the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act which require stand-alone counseling for COVID-19 and state approved vaccines under Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit where the recipient is a Medicaid beneficiary under the age of 21.

The RI FFS payer sheet will be updated to reflect new values that will be allowed for this processing

- G0314, COVID 19, ages under 21, 16 to 30 minutes
- G0315, COVID 19, ages under 21, 5 to 15 minutes
- G0312, ages under 21 (Non-COVID), 5 to 15 minutes
- G0313, ages under 21 (Non-COVID), 16 to 30 minutes

Stay tuned! We will communicate an effective date, additional details and an updated RI FFS Payer Sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Mariano, RPh at

[karen.mariano@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:karen.mariano@gainwelltechnologies.com).

# Pharmacy Spotlight Continued



## Meeting Schedule:

### Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee and Drug Utilization Review Board

The next meeting of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (P&T) is scheduled for:

**Date:** April 8, 2025

**In Person Registration on site:**  
**7:30 AM**

**Meeting:** 8:00 AM

**Location:** Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Virk's Bldg., 3 West Road, Cranston, RI

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The next meeting of the Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Board is scheduled for:

**Date:** April 8, 2025

**In Person Registration on site:**  
**10:15 AM**

**Meeting:** 10:30 AM

**Location:** Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Virk's Bldg., 3 West Road, Cranston, RI  
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### 2025 Meeting Dates:

April 8, 2025

June 10, 2025

September 9, 2025

December 2, 2025

### When Veterans Need Support, You're on the Front Lines

Rhode Island is a strong community made up of fighters, families, and friends. Together, we have the power and the resources to save lives of Veterans. They served for us. Now it's time to serve for them. If you know a Veteran looking for assistance, a wide range of services are now available, from peer counseling to support with health, housing, employment, and much more. [Healthcare professionals can find resources to support Veterans here.](#)



## **ACT NOW: Share Your Feedback on Rhode Island's First Draft Olmstead Plan!**

As we move into the final phases of Rhode Island's Olmstead Planning Process, we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to shaping this plan. Your participation in community listening sessions, advisory group meetings, surveys, interviews, and workgroups has ensured that the Olmstead Plan is reflective of real community needs. Between August 2024 and February 2025, our collaborative efforts have resulted in a comprehensive Olmstead Plan that reflects the priorities of Rhode Islanders with disabilities. Here's what we've accomplished:

- ✓ **44 members** of the Olmstead Advisory Group (OAG) met **monthly** to drive the planning process.
- ✓ **26 state agencies** provided support and policy input to align the plan with broader statewide efforts.
- ✓ **150+ community surveys** collected, **42 key informant interviews** completed, and direct input from **eight OAG members with lived experience** incorporated.
- ✓ **430 disability community members engaged** through public forums, community meetings, and discussions.
- ✓ **Four public workgroups** met regularly with **26 to 49 participants per session**, resulting in:
  - **6** major goals for disability inclusion
  - **12** community strategies
  - **73** community-prioritized recommendations
  - **120** identified assets and data sources
- ✓ Responses were obtained in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and American Sign Language and focused on all disabilities:



This work ensures that **the voices of historically marginalized communities**—including **BIPOC, formerly incarcerated individuals, unhoused individuals, veterans, and people with all types of disabilities**—are **centered in this plan**. Now, we need your final input! The Draft Olmstead Plan is available for review, and we encourage all community members, advocates, and partners to provide feedback.

 **View the Draft Plan & Complete the Feedback Survey Here:**

 [EOHHS Olmstead Planning Website](#)

 **Rolling Deadline for Feedback**

*\*Please note: Submission form will remain live for additional feedback but initial feedback received by the deadline will be used to inform Version 2.0.*

## **PAYMENT ERROR RATE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM (PERM)** **ADDITIONAL MEDICAL RECORDS REQUESTS**

CMS PERM Review Contractor, NCI Information Systems, Inc. continues to review randomly selected samples of claims to request medical records for. Additional (First, Second, Third/Final Notice of Non-Response) medical records requests are mailed to providers.

If you receive one of these requests, please follow the instructions for submission. This request, as pictured below, is a legitimate request from a CMS contractor. Failure to submit medical records could lead to claim recoupment.

**Date:** [RequestDate]

**Reference ID:** [PERM ID]

**OMB Control Number:** [OMB#]

**NPI:** [NPI#]

**Request Type & Purpose:** Additional Documentation Request (First Additional Documentation Request)

**Subject:** Additional Documentation - This is not a duplicate request

*To request a copy of this letter in Spanish, please contact the PERM Customer Service Department at 800-393-3068. Once a Spanish-language letter is requested, all future correspondence for this specific PERM ID will continue in Spanish.*

*Para solicitar una copia de esta carta en español, por favor de contactar al Departamento de Servicio al Cliente de PERM al 800 - 393 - 3068. Una vez que la carta en español sea solicitada, toda correspondencia futura especifica a esta identificación PERM será continuada en Español.*

Dear Medicaid and/or CHIP Provider:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in partnership with the states, is measuring improper payments in Medicaid/CHIP under the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) program.

**Reason for Selection:** A claim submitted by or on behalf of you/your organization has been randomly selected for review under this program. The review will be completed by CMS' review contractor, NCI Information Systems, Inc.

**Action: Send Additional Documentation:** A request for the medical/supporting record was sent to you on xx/xx/xxxx for the beneficiary listed on the enclosed Claim Summary. Thank you for your response to the request. It has been determined by the reviewer, however, that additional documentation is needed to complete the review of this claim. **Your cooperation in submitting the additional documentation to us within fourteen (14) days is essential to ensure that the claim is accurately reviewed to determine proper payment.** Federal regulations require that you provide the medical record documentation to support claims for Medicaid/CHIP services upon request. **Providing medical records for Medicaid/CHIP beneficiaries does not violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Patient authorization IS NOT REQUIRED to provide medical records in response to this request.** CMS and its contractors will remain in compliance with the Privacy Act and regulations.

**When:** [MedrecDueDate]

Please provide the requested documentation by: [MedrecDueDate]. A response is still required by [MedrecDueDate] even if you are unable to locate the requested information.

**Consequences:** If you fail to deliver the requested additional documentation or contact us by: [MedrecDueDate], the claim will be cited as an erroneous payment and your state agency may pursue recovery of payment for this claim from you.

### State FY 2025 Claims Payment and Processing Schedule

| MONTH     | LTC CLAIMS Due at Noon | EMC CLAIMS Due by 5:00PM | EFT PAYMENT |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|           |                        | 7/05/2024                | 7/12/2024   |
| July      | 7/11/2024              | 7/12/2024                | 7/19/2024   |
|           |                        | 7/26/2024                | 8/02/2024   |
| August    | 8/08/2024              | 8/09/2024                | 8/16/2024   |
|           |                        | 8/23/2024                | 8/30/2024   |
| September | 9/05/2024              | 9/06/2024                | 9/13/2024   |
|           |                        | 9/20/2024                | 9/27/2024   |
| October   | 10/10/2024             | 10/04/2024               | 10/11/2024  |
|           |                        | 10/11/2024               | 10/18/2024  |
|           |                        | 10/25/2024               | 11/01/2024  |
| November  | 11/07/2024             | 11/08/2024               | 11/15/2024  |
|           |                        | 11/22/2024               | 11/29/2024  |
| December  | 12/05/2024             | 12/06/2024               | 12/13/2024  |
|           |                        | 12/20/2024               | 12/27/2024  |
| January   |                        | 1/03/2025                | 1/10/2025   |
|           | 1/09/2025              | 1/10/2025                | 1/17/2025   |
|           |                        | 1/24/2025                | 1/31/2025   |
| February  | 2/06/2025              | 2/07/2025                | 2/14/2025   |
|           |                        | 2/21/2025                | 2/28/2025   |
| March     | 3/06/2025              | 3/07/2025                | 3/14/2025   |
|           |                        | 3/21/2025                | 3/28/2025   |
| April     | 4/10/2025              | 4/04/2025                | 4/11/2025   |
|           |                        | 4/11/2025                | 4/18/2025   |
|           |                        | 4/25/2025                | 5/2/2025    |
| May       | 5/08/2025              | 5/09/2025                | 5/16/2025   |
|           |                        | 5/23/2025                | 5/30/2025   |
| June      | 6/05/2025              | 6/06/2025                | 6/13/2025   |
|           |                        | 6/20/2025                | 6/27/2025   |
| July      |                        | 7/04/2025                | 7/11/2025   |
|           | 7/10/2025              | 7/11/2025                | 7/18/2025   |
|           |                        | 7/25/2025                | 8/01/2025   |

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**April 1st– April Fools’ Day**

**April 15th– Tax Day**

**April 20th– Easter**

**April 22nd– Earth Day**

