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# Rhode Island Medicaid Program July 2022 Provider Update



## State Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays in 2022

Independence Day	Monday, July 4
Victory Day	Monday, August 8
Labor Day	Monday, September 5
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10
Election Day	Tuesday, November 8
Veterans' Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24
Christmas Day	Sunday, December 25 (State Employees celebrate on Monday, December 26)

**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.

**Please Note!**



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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



## EVV Automated Claims Validation Delay

As communicated on May 20, 2022, Rhode Island Medicaid notified provider agencies and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) that effective June 30, 2022, EOHHS intended to turn on automated claims validation on the Fee for Service (FFS) billing to validate the 6 (six) required EVV data elements. Once edits are active, a provider's claim will suspend if some or all of the elements are missing or unmatched.

After careful review and based on feedback from both our participating agencies and contracted MCOs, EOHHS has decided to delay this automation. EOHHS will continue to work through issues and concerns identified by our partners. A new date will be communicated to all once confirmed by EOHHS.

To ensure consistency and transparency, the Rhode Island Medicaid MCOs will follow the suspension of claims editing for EVV, to align delivery systems, until further notice.

EOHHS reserves the right to perform Program Integrity audits on EVV visits and claims as previously communicated. Providers may be notified, with thirty (30) business days advance notice, of an audit. The notification will outline the purpose of the audit, the required documentation and the process that will be followed.

To ensure a smooth transition, EOHHS encourages providers to proactively reach out to EOHHS if you have operational questions or issues with Sandata, EVV data elements, or the upcoming Gainwell claims validation. You can contact EOHHS EVV at [EOHHS.EVVEscalation@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:EOHHS.EVVEscalation@ohhs.ri.gov). If you have questions on the MCO process, please reach out to the appropriate MCO.

If you need EVV technical assistance and use the Sandata application, please e-mail [Rlcustomer-care@sandata.com](mailto:Rlcustomer-care@sandata.com). If you use a third party application, please e-mail [Rlaltevv@sandata.com](mailto:Rlaltevv@sandata.com) or refer to the Alt EVV Addendum on the State EVV webpage, <https://eohhs.ri.gov/providers-partners/electronic-visit-verification-evv>.

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## CMS Approves State Plan Amendment for Minimum Staffing Increases

Effective 10/1/2021, nursing facilities will receive a 0.5% increase due to the State's minimum staffing law passed during the 2021 legislative session. Current rates will be increased an additional 0.5%. The updated rates will be in the system prior to the next nursing home financial on 7/7/22. That financial with an RA date of 7/15/22 will include those increased rates for new claims that are submitted. Gainwell is in the process of conducting a mass adjustment for claims with dates of service retro to 10/1/21 for both nursing home and hospice room and board claims. Gainwell will send an email to nursing home and hospice providers detailing the date of the mass adjustment.

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## Attention Hospice Providers

EOHHS has implemented a rate increase for hospice services as of 7/1/2022. The below procedure codes reflect this most recent update. Please begin billing at the new rates in order to be reimbursed at these higher rates for dates of service 07/01/2022 forward.

Description	Procedure Code	Effective 07/01/2022
Hospice Routine Home Care	T2042 Days 1-60	\$253.18
Hospice Routine Home Care	T2042 Days 61+	\$198.85
Hospice Continuous Home Care Per Hour	T2043	\$63.67
Hospice Inpatient Respite Per Diem	T2044	\$518.96
Hospice General Inpatient Care Per Diem	T2045	\$1,112.44
Services of clinical social worker in hospice setting	G0155	\$15.67
Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse in a hospice setting	G0299	\$15.67

## Attention Skilled Home Care Providers

EOHHS has implemented a rate increase for skilled home care services as of 7/1/2022. The below procedure codes reflect this most recent update. Please begin billing at the new rates in order to be reimbursed at these higher rates for dates of service 07/01/2022 forward.

Description	Procedure Code	New Rate Effective 07/01/2022
Home Health Aide	G0156	\$7.54
RN, PT, OT and SP per visit	X0043	\$114.54

## Provider Enrollment Application Fee

As of January 1, 2022, the application fee to enroll as a Medicaid provider is \$631.00

**See more information regarding providers who may be subject to application fees [here](#).**

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## New Temporary CPT Codes

The following CPT codes have been added to the Medicaid program temporarily. These would be effective 9/1/2021 - 3/31/2022.

99401- Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes. Reimbursement is \$23.53

99402- Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 30 minutes. Reimbursement is \$38.80.

99403- Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 30 minutes. Reimbursement is \$53.46.

99404- Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 30 minutes. Reimbursement is \$67.91.

These CPT codes can be billed at only one visit for each beneficiary per day, but there are not quantity limits for the number of times this education can be provided to an individual beneficiary. Counseling may be provided in person, through live audio/video (telehealth) or telephonically. Additionally, this service can be billed by multiple providers and can be billed multiple times on different days.

Modifier 25-Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service, should be used if billing in addition to an office visit or an evaluation and management visit.

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## Attention Trading Partners

If you wish to receive the 835 Transaction-ERA for a provider, include the Provider billing NPI# associated with the Trading Partner profile and **select** the 835/277U checkboxes found on the profile.

If you wish to do business for a provider and **not** receive the 835/277U ERA, include the Provider billing NPI# associated with the Trading Partner profile, but **DO NOT** select the 835/277 checkboxes.

Review your Trading Partner profile and “**end date**” any providers you no longer provide services for.

Instructions for managing your covered providers can be found at:

[RI Medicaid Managing Covered Providers](#)




## Doula Services

Rhode Island Medicaid is ready to begin accepting applications from Doula Providers. The application can be accessed on the RI Medicaid [Healthcare Portal](#). Providers will need to have the following to complete the application:

- \* National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the doula taxonomy, 374J00000X associated to their NPI.
- \* Certificate from RI Certification Board (RICB).
- \* W-9

Applicants who have performed services dating back to July 1, 2021 should use that date as the effective date for the application.

For guidance on the enrollment process please visit the [Provider Training and Education](#) page on the EOHHS website. The [Doula](#) information is in the Provider Specific Training section.



## Community Health Care Workers (CHW)

Rhode Island Medicaid is currently accepting applications from Community Health Worker (CHW) Providers. This new provider type is considered Non-Medical.

Active enrollment is required before a provider can begin seeing RI Medicaid members.

Providers that currently participate with RI Medicaid and who want to become a CHW provider must perform a separate enrollment for CHW services.

CHW's enrolling independently (not part of an agency) will be required to submit proof of CHW certification by the RI Certification Board. If the CHW is not yet certified, they may enroll as a provider but, the enrollment will be limited to an 18-month period. If proof of certification is not submitted before the end of the 18 months, the provider will be disenrolled.

CHW certification is not required for agencies to enroll.

Enrollment is completed using the RI Medicaid Healthcare Portal (HCP).

- RI Medicaid Healthcare Portal
  - <https://www.riproviderportal.org>

Step-by-step enrollment instruction can be found on the portal home page.

- Healthcare Portal Resource Page
  - <http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/HealthcarePortal.aspx>

You will need the following information to enroll as a CHW Provider :

- Address Information, including postal code + 4
- Tax ID – either EIN or SSN
- Completed W-9 as an attachment, including signature
- You may also need to attach some federally required disclosures

Because CHW services are only reimbursed through FFS Medicaid at this time, CHW Providers should select “RI Medicaid Provider – Billing Claims Directly to RI Medicaid” as the Type of Provider Enrollment

Under “Provider Enrollment Type,” select “**Atypical**”

- CHW providers will not need to fill out fields for National Provider ID, License, or Taxonomy
- Under **Other Identifier**, CHW Providers will need a **ten-digit number** for registration; a telephone number would be the best as it is unique to you (See Example).

\* Provider Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN)

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

Other Identifier(s)  Assigning Authority:  Medicaid

Provider Taxonomy Code

**Provider Contact Information**

Provider Contact Name  Title

Phone Number  Ext

Email Address

Fax Number

**Financial Institution Information**

Financial Institution Name

Financial Institution Address

Address

City

State  Zip Code

Financial Institution Telephone Number  Ext  Financial Institution Routing Number

Type of Account at Financial Institution  Provider's Account Number with Financial Institution

Account Number Linkage to Provider Identifier

Provider Tax Identification Number (TIN)  National Provider Identifier (NPI)

(If identifier other than NPI is used)

**Submission Information**

\* Reason for Submission

## Home Health Provider Enhancements


CMS recently approved Rhode Island State Plan Amendments to implement two new enhancements for home health care providers: Shift differential increases and an enhancement for Behavioral Health Certifications.

- Shift Differential:** A shift differential modifier of \$0.37 per fifteen (15) minute unit of service is currently paid between 3:00 PM and 7:00 AM on weekdays and all hours on weekends and State holidays for Personal Care (S5125) and Combined Personal Care/Homemaker (S5125-U1). Effective July 1, 2021, the existing shift differential modifier shall be increased by \$0.19 per fifteen (15) minute unit of service for Personal Care and Combined Personal Care/Homemaker. Employers must pass on one-hundred percent (100%) of the shift differential modifier increase per fifteen (15) minute unit of service to the Nursing Assistant that rendered such services. Employers must submit an annual Report and Attestation affirming that all eligible employees received one-hundred percent (100%) of the increase in shift differential.
- Behavioral Health Rate Enhancement:** Effective January 1, 2022, a new behavioral healthcare rate enhancement of \$0.39 per fifteen (15) minutes of Personal Care (S5125), Combined Personal Care/Homemaker (S5125-U1), and Homemaker (S5130) services shall be paid to “behavioral health-certified” (BH-certified) home nursing care and home care providers. A BH-certified provider is a provider with at least thirty percent (30%) of its direct care workers (which includes Nursing Assistants and Homemakers) certified in behavioral healthcare training. BH-certified agencies must pass-through one-hundred percent (100%) of the behavioral healthcare rate enhancement for all hours worked by those Nursing Assistants and Homemakers who have completed the thirty (30) hour behavioral health certificate training program. Employers shall submit to EOHHS a Report and Attestation (Attachment B) on January 15, 2023 and annually thereafter affirming that all BH-certified employees received one-hundred percent (100%) of the Behavioral Health Rate Enhancement

Both of these rate increases were effective July 1, 2021. The EOHHS is working with Gainwell to schedule Mass Adjustments for eligible agencies. Please keep an eye out for emails with additional details on dates and reporting requirements.

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

CMS PERM Review Contractor, NCI Information Systems, Inc. has begun to select random samples of claims to request medical records for. Initial medical records requests started to be mailed to providers on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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.

	Payment Error Rate Measurement Program CMS PERM Review Contractor, NCI Information Systems, Inc. 1538 E. Parham Road Henrico, VA 23228
[[ProviderName]] ATTN: [[ContactName]], [[ContactTitle]] [[ContactAddress1]] [[ContactAddress2]] [[ContactCity]], [[ContactState]] [[ContactZipcode]]	
Date: [[RequestDate]] Reference ID: [[PERM ID]] OMB Control Number: [[OMB#]] NPI: [[NPI#]]	
Request Type & Purpose: Initial Request for Records (First Request) Subject: Records Request – This is an initial request for records	



## **Prior Authorization for Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

Physicians writing scripts/prescriptions for durable medical equipment (i.e. diapers, nutrition, etc.) should give the script directly to the recipient and indicate to the recipient to contact a DME Supplier provider. **The DME Supplier provider will initiate the prior authorization request with RI Medicaid.**

When prior authorization is required for a service, the DME Supplier provider is to submit a completed Prior Authorization Request form which can be obtained on the [EOHHS website](#). This form must be signed and dated by the **DME Supplier provider** as to the accuracy of the service requested. Attached to this form will be the Proof of Medical Necessity signed by the prescribing provider. When necessary, further documentation should be attached to the Prior Authorization Request form to justify the request. Forms can be faxed to (401) 784-3892.

**Please note prior authorization requests for DME supplies received from a physician will be returned.**

Prior authorization does not guarantee payment. Payment is subject to all general conditions of RI Medicaid, including beneficiary eligibility, other insurance, and program restrictions.

An approved prior authorization cannot be transferred from one vendor to another. If the beneficiary wishes to change vendors once the prior authorization has been approved, the new vendor will submit another Prior Authorization Request form with a letter from the beneficiary requesting the previous prior authorization be canceled.

For those beneficiary's dually enrolled in the RI Medicaid Program and Medicare, prior authorization is not required for Medicare covered DME services. Providers are required to accept Medicare assignment for all covered DME services. RI Medicaid will reimburse the copay and/or deductible as determined by Medicare up to the RI maximum allowable amount using the lesser of logic.

## **Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) Preventive Program**

Rhode Island Medicaid allows access to LTSS Preventive services for aged and disabled customers who have a medical need for the services. Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the needs-based criteria for LTSS Preventive services are eligible for a limited range of home and community-based services and supports in addition to their primary care essential benefits. The goal of the LTSS Preventive Program is to delay or avert institutionalization or more extensive and intensive home and community-based care.

- Preventive services include up to 6 hours of homemaker and/ or personal services per week and up to 10 hours per couple.

Many individuals have a disability or chronic illness that limits their ability to conduct basic activities of daily living but may not meet the clinical eligibility criteria to access the full LTSS Program. Beneficiaries can be referred to RIPIN to access LTSS Preventive services. RIPIN can be reached at [preventive@RIPIN.org](mailto:preventive@RIPIN.org) or CMP Call Center #800-464-3399. RIPIN will work with DHS LTSS to support the customer with the necessary steps to access the program.

Customers who are enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO) can call the Member Services number on their health plan card. The health plans will work with members to arrange appropriate services.

## Important Notice for Providers Re: Electronic Visit Verification Implementation

The RI Medicaid program has begun preparing for the second phase of the Electronic Visit Verification implementation to include Home Health Care Services provided in the member's home. This will bring the state into full compliance with Congress' 21st Century Cures Act, Section 12006(a), effective January 1, 2023.

Over the past few years EOHHS has been implementing EVV, an electronic system which verifies that Medicaid Funded personal care and home care service visits occur by documenting six (6) points of data:

- Type of Service
- Date of Service
- Location of Service
- Individual Receiving the Service
- Individual Providing the Service
- Time the Service Begins and Ends

The Cures Act called for EVV implementation in two phases. The first part of the EVV project focused on Personal Care and Homemaker services provided in the home and was implemented January 1, 2021. We are now beginning our design and implementation efforts for phase 2, Home Health Care Services.

EOHHS is focused on working with our Providers to ensure an administratively smooth transition as Providers begin to use EVV for all appropriate Medicaid services provided through Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medicaid or through a Managed Care vendor.

In 2016 EOHHS worked with the State's EVV vendor Sandata to build access to the State EVV Solution called Santrax Agency Management (SAM), sometimes referred to as the closed system. The use of this system is free to all provider agencies who wish to utilize it for EVV capture. In April 2020, this system was further developed to allow providers to use their own system, also known as a 'third-party system' or 'open system'. Providers who use their own system must connect their system to the Rhode Island EVV "aggregator" to submit EVV records.

Within the next week the RI Medicaid program will be sending a survey to provider agencies requesting information regarding the service your agency will be utilizing. If you will be utilizing the open system (your own third-party system), please be prepared to provide the name of your EVV vendor.

EOHHS has made available and implemented multiple resources for providers to successfully implement the roll out. The EVV Website is the primary source of information for the EVV program and stakeholders may access that information at [http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ElectronicVisitVerification\(EVV\).aspx](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ElectronicVisitVerification(EVV).aspx) .

We appreciate and value your partnership and look forward to working with you.

**If you have any questions about the EVV implementation, please contact Meg Carpinelli via email at [Margaret.Carpinelli@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Margaret.Carpinelli@ohhs.ri.gov)**

## **Katie Beckett (KB) Medicaid Eligibility: Health Care Coverage for Children with Severe Disabilities**

**\*\*Please note that the clinical team overseeing the process for the Katie Beckett Medicaid Program has been moved to DHS-LTSS, kindly refer inquiries and mail application for the KB program to the DHS-LTSS contact below\*\***

Katie Beckett is an eligibility category in Medicaid that allows children under age 19 who have long-term disabilities or complex medical needs to become eligible for Medicaid coverage. To be qualified, child must meet the income and resource requirements for Medicaid for persons with a disability; qualify under the U.S. Social Security Administration's (SSA) definition of disability and require a level of care at home that is typically provided in a hospital, nursing facility or an Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disability (ICF-MR). Katie Beckett Medicaid eligibility enables children to be cared for at home instead of an institution. With Katie Beckett, only the child's income and resources are used to determine eligibility.

For information about the Katie Beckett program, contact DHS LTSS at: 401-574-8474 or email: [DHS.PedClinicals@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:DHS.PedClinicals@dhs.ri.gov)

To apply for the Katie Beckett Medicaid Program, Kindly complete the DHS-2 Application, check the KB-Katie Beckett: Health Care Coverage for Children with Severe Disabilities, and mail to:  
Attention: DHS LTSS--Katie Beckett Program  
P.O. Box 8709  
Cranston, RI 02920

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### **All Medicaid Members Eligible for Discounted Internet**

The Federal Communications Commission recently [launched the Affordable Connectivity Program \[r20.rs6.net\]](#) to reduce the cost of internet service. Through this program, all Medicaid members are eligible for a \$30 per month (or \$75 per month on Tribal Lands) discount on any internet service plan from participating providers. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 on a laptop, desktop, or tablet. [Households can enroll in the program here. \[r20.rs6.net\]](#)

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## Attention Home Care Providers

For claims that are submitted by a home care agency, a member must have RI Medicaid eligibility, a prior authorization and an active enrollment for the dates of service into one of the below waiver/programs.

- Core Community Services
- DEA Waiver Community Waiver Program (Office of Healthy Aging (OHA))
- BHDDH Community Support
- Medicaid Preventive Services
- Habilitation Community Services
- OHA At Home Cost Share

To verify program enrollment and eligibility sign into the **Health Care Portal**. Verify that a member has RI Medicaid and program eligibility under the “Eligibility” tab. For OHA copay clients, you will see OHA At Home Cost Share and they will not have Medicaid Eligibility.

For claims to process and pay, there also needs to be a prior authorization on file for the correct number of units and dates of service that you will be submitting your claims for.

The Prior Authorizations are viewable under “Interactive Web Services” on the right of the home page of the portal. Please select “**Check Prior Authorization**”.

If either their eligibility or a prior authorization **is missing** on the portal than please call or email the case worker. Below is the contact information for DHS programs:

DHS Help Line 401-574-8474 or [dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov)

For DEA Waiver (OHA) or OHA At Home Cost Share clients please contact the regional case manager at Tri-County Community Action, West Bay CAP, East Bay Cap, or Child and Family Services.

**If you can see eligibility and a prior authorization on the Health Care portal but you do not see it in the EVV system, then please contact Sandata directly.**

SAM Providers:

Questions or issues with the SAM EVV system, please contact Sandata’s Customer Care via email at [RIcustomer@sandata.com](mailto:RIcustomer@sandata.com) or 1-855-781-2079.

Alternate EVV/Third-Party

Questions or issues with the Alt. EVV/Third Party system, please contact Sandata’s Customer Care via email at [rialttevv@sandata.com](mailto:rialttevv@sandata.com).

You should always ask for your ticket number when you contact Sandata Customer Care for an issue. If a Customer Care ticket has not been acknowledged after two (2) business days (a response from Sandata acknowledging the ticket issue), you may escalate with the ticket number to Meg Carpinelli via email at [Margaret.Carpinelli@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Margaret.Carpinelli@ohhs.ri.gov)

**Important:** Please note you should not email Meg directly with an issue. You must open a ticket with Sandata first. If the ticket is not acknowledged after 2 business days, you can then escalate.

If you have any billing issues after verifying that a member has eligibility and a prior authorization in place please reach out to [Marlene.Lamoureux@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:Marlene.Lamoureux@gainwelltechnologies.com) or 401-784-3805.

## ***Behavioral Health Rate Enhancement and Free Behavioral Health Training for Home Care Agencies***

Effective January 1, 2022, a new behavioral healthcare rate enhancement of \$0.39 per unit (fifteen 15 minutes) of Personal Care (S5125), Combined Personal Care/Homemaker (S5125-U1), and Homemaker (S5130) services shall be paid to “behavioral health-certified” (BH-certified) non-skilled home care providers. A BH-certified provider is a provider with at least thirty percent (30%) of its direct care workers (which includes C.N.A. and Homemakers) certified in behavioral healthcare training.

BH-Certified providers can submit their completed application for certification by emailing it to [rrixqualityassuranceteam@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rrixqualityassuranceteam@gainwelltechnologies.com). All forms that are required for the BH Enhanced rates can be found on the [Certification Standards | Executive Office of Health and Human Services \(ri.gov\)](#) under [Forms and Applications](#). If approved for the BH rate enhancement a letter provided by EOHHS will be sent to the agency by email.

For a direct care worker to become BH-certified, s/he must successfully complete a behavioral health certificate training program offered by Rhode Island College, or an equivalent training program that has been prospectively approved by EOHHS (Attachment C). For an Agency to become a BH-certified provider, it must submit to EOHHS a form (Attachment A) and supporting documentation identifying those C.N.A.s and Homemakers who are BH-certified. This list may be submitted at any time, and, upon review and approval by EOHHS, an Agency shall remain BH-certified for one year from the date of approval. Agencies must provide an updated list annually to renew their BH-certification by emailing [rrixqualityassuranceteam@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rrixqualityassuranceteam@gainwelltechnologies.com).

Employers shall submit to EOHHS a Report and Attestation (Attachment B) on January 15, 2023 and annually thereafter affirming that all BH-certified employees received one-hundred percent (100%) of the Behavioral Health Rate Enhancement (\$1.56/hour) paid to the employer for all hours worked by the BH-certified employee during the preceding January 1 – December 31, in addition to the hourly rate, and any shift differential or other compensation that they were receiving immediately prior to becoming eligible to receive the BH rate enhancement. All applications and supporting documents can be emailed to [rrixqualityassuranceteam@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:rrixqualityassuranceteam@gainwelltechnologies.com)

## Preparing for the Covid-19 Pandemic to Transition to an Endemic and the Public Health Emergency to End

### WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY?

The current **Public Health Emergency (PHE)** began in **January 2020** at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and has since then been extended, 90 days at a time, by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services. The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act provided an enhanced Medicaid match rate to states that satisfied the continuous enrollment condition for most Medicaid beneficiaries during the PHE. States expect to receive at least 60 days advanced notice from the federal government prior to the end of the PHE.

### WHEN THE PHE EXPIRES, WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

When the PHE ends, RI Medicaid will be required to redetermine each beneficiaries' eligibility prior to taking any action on a case over a 12-month period. EOHHS plans to share renewals requiring action with our managed care organizations on a monthly basis. We will also be charged by the federal government with processing valid terminations and identifying individuals likely eligible to transition from Medicaid to private health insurance. We have made several enhancements to our RI Bridges eligibility & enrollment system to auto-renew eligibility for a sizable population of beneficiaries based on current information on applications that we already have in the system, or information we can collect from external data sources. If we cannot redetermine eligibility using information on file, we will send out a request for additional information by mail and/or email telling beneficiaries what actions are pending with coverage, what action they need to take, and provide them with 30 days to respond. Not all clients will need to take action. If case details are confirmed to maintain eligibility; the beneficiary will receive a notice indicating benefit renewal. At any time, if someone disagrees with a decision regarding eligibility, they have the right to appeal by requesting a hearing. An appeal form will be included in the notice packet.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE?

**The most important action you can take NOW is to have beneficiaries update their individual and family account information** so that the program can send them the notices and information they need to maintain or transition coverage. **If they have changed addresses, their phone number or email address, or had a change in income or household size**, having current information helps the Medicaid program determine the continuation of eligibility and avoid the potential for inappropriate terminations or gaps in coverage. In addition to paper notices, beneficiaries can now opt-in to receive text message updates from Medicaid. These messages can help remind them when critical deadlines are approaching. They may also update their preference to receive email notifications. To update account information and communication preferences, beneficiaries can access us in several ways:

- \* **Online:** Access account at <https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWeb13/>. HealthSource RI (HSRI) also hosts a live web chat, which is staffed during business hours, and has live call center staff available to assist customers in English or Spanish. (Continued on p. 15).

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### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREPARE?

- **By Phone:** Call the RI Department of Human Services' (DHS) Call Center at 1-855-697-4347 (Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.) or HealthSource RI at 1-855-840-4774 (Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.)
- **In Person:** Staff at DHS offices (locations available [here](#)) can assist customers in person.

Encourage Medicaid beneficiaries to update their information using the attached graphics. Continue to participate in State-run meetings on this topic.

### If beneficiaries are terminated from Medicaid, can they purchase a health plan?

If someone was on Medicaid when the PHE started, their coverage continued until they receive a notice from Medicaid stating otherwise. When the PHE ends and they receive a notice that they no longer qualify for Medicaid due to changes in income in their household, they may be eligible to enroll in a health plan through HSRI. They will have 60 days from the date listed on the termination notice to enroll in HSRI during your Special Enrollment Period. To avoid a gap in coverage, HSRI can help beneficiaries pick a new plan before their Medicaid coverage ends. They can also tell beneficiaries if they qualify for financial help to lower their costs. They can call HSRI at 1-855-840-4774 to speak to an enrollment specialist or visit <https://healthsourceri.com/>.

## Social Media Toolkit for Medicaid Account Information Update

Please use the sample social media copy below, along with one of the sample graphics, to let your social media audience know about the importance of updating their accounts.

### SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA COPY FOR FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN, OR INSTAGRAM

- Medicaid is reviewing account info to determine eligibility for Medicaid coverage or transition to other healthcare options by @HealthSourceRI. LOGIN to your secure customer account to update your information: <https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWebI3/CreateGenericUserAccount>
- If you've changed addresses, had a change in income, household size, phone number or email, updating your info helps the Medicaid program determine the continuation of eligibility/avoid potential termination or gaps in coverage. Update your account: <https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWebI3/CreateGenericUserAccount>
- Medicaid Recipients! Have you had a change in address, income, household size, phone #, or email? Update your info to help the Medicaid program determine the continuation of eligibility/avoid potential termination or gaps in coverage. Learn how to update online and more: <https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWebI3/CreateGenericUserAccount>
- Medicaid recipients, act now! Update any changes in address, income, household size, phone number or email to help the Medicaid program determine your continued eligibility and avoid potential termination or gaps in coverage. Learn how to update online and more: <https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWebI3/CreateGenericUserAccount>

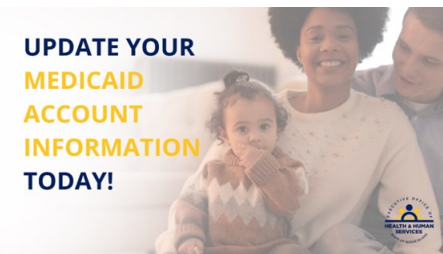
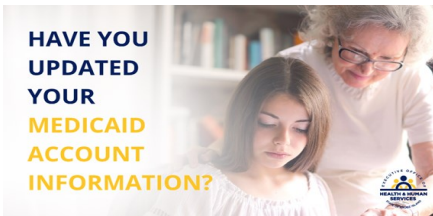
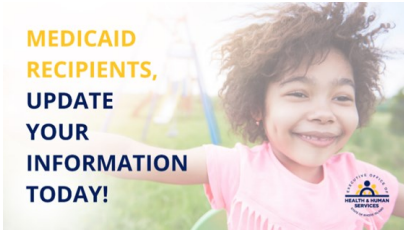
### SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA COPY FOR TWITTER ONLY

- Having current account info helps the Medicaid program determine if you continue to be eligible for Medicaid and avoid potential termination or gaps in coverage. LEARN MORE: <https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWebI3/CreateGenericUserAccount>



### CORRESPONDING SOCIAL MEDIA GRAPHICS (continued from p. 16)

To increase social media engagement, please use one of the graphics included below with every post you publish. Graphics for posting to Facebook are on the LEFT. Graphics for posting to Twitter or Instagram are on the right.



## COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Codes for Children

The COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for children ages 5-11 years old. The administration codes can be billed to Medicaid effective 04/1/22. The codes are In Plan for those recipients in a managed care plan. The codes and reimbursement are:

0071A Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 ages 5-11 first dose, reimbursed at \$41.29.

0072A Immunization administration by intramuscular injection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 ages 5-11 second dose, reimbursed at \$41.29.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Administration-3rd Dose

COVID-19 3rd dose administration codes have been approved effective April 1, 2022. Per CMS, the reimbursement will be the same as the existing Covid-19 vaccine administration codes which is \$41.29.

0003A -ADM SARSCOV2 30MCG/0.3ML 3rd  
(Pfizer-Biontech Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Third Dose)

0013A-ADM SARSCOV2 100MCG/0.5ML 3rd  
(Moderna Covid-19 Vaccine Administration – Third Dose)

### **Attention LTSS Providers**

As of 12/01/21, the DHS contact information for the Long Term Services and Support (LTSS) program has been changed. Please update your contact information for LTSS updates and inquiries to reflect the followings:

LTSS coverage line number 401-574-8474

DHS Call center line 1-855-697-4347

Email: [dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov)

Fax#: 401-574-9915



### **Telehealth Service Codes Update for Medicaid**

Due to recent changes made by Medicare, effective as of April 4, 2022 the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) is adding Place of Service Code 10 (Telehealth Provided in Patient's Home) as a telehealth place of service for Fee-for-Service and Managed Care. Please submit telehealth claims with Place of Service Code 02 (Telehealth Provided Other than in Patient's Home) or Place of Service Code 10 (Telehealth Provided in Patient's Home) as applicable.

EOHHS requests that all MCOs complete the implementation of this change in claims submission by April 30, 2022. Fee-for-Service Providers should submit telehealth claims with the applicable Place of Service Code 10 for dates of service of April 4, 2022 forward.



## Pharmacy Spotlight



### **At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits to Process at POS for RI FFS Medicaid**

RI EOHHS Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid program allows enrolled pharmacy providers to process At-Home COVID Test Kits at point of service (POS). As with any over-the-counter (OTC) product, coverage of the claim requires a prescription. The beneficiary may request a prescription from their FFS Medicaid enrolled prescriber, or use the standing order issued by Dr. Suzanne Bornschein, Medical Director COVID-19 Unit, RI Department of Health. Dr. Bornschein is an enrolled FFS prescriber. The standing order can be accessed at here: [standing-order-for-at-home-covid-test-kits-2.24.22.pdf \(ri.gov\)](https://www.ri.gov/standing-order-for-at-home-covid-test-kits-2.24.22.pdf).

There is a quantity limit of eight (8) At-Home COVID Test Kits per thirty (30) days. Reimbursement is \$12.00 per test. Packaging with multiple tests will be reimbursed at \$12.00 per each test. For example, if the package contains two (2) tests, then the claim will be reimbursed at \$24.00.

### **RI AIDS Drug Assistance (ADAP) – Payor of Last Resort**

What does this mean? Simply, that all other prescription benefits must be billed before billing ADAP.

When a RI AIDS Drug Assistance (ADAP) patient presents a prescription for a pharmacist to fill, the pharmacist should ask the patient to provide all cards for private prescription programs, Medicare Part D or Medicaid.

All non-ADAP prescription drug programs will be the primary payor. If the drug is covered under the scope of primary payer's program, then RI ADAP will pay the co-pay. If the drug is not covered by the primary payer's program, **and** ADAP covers the drug, then ADAP will pay the claim.

If the primary payor denies the claim because the drug requires prior authorization, then a PA must be sought from the primary payor.

## Pharmacy Spotlight cont.



### 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:** September 20, 2022  
**Registration Deadline:** September 12, 2022 by 5pm EST  
**Meeting:** 8:00 AM  
**Location:** Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Virk's Bldg., 3 West Road, Cranston, RI  
**Registration by email to:** karen.mariano@gainwelltechnologies.com

[Click here for agenda](#)

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

**Date:** September 20, 2022  
**Registration Deadline:** September 12, 2022 by 5pm EST  
**Meeting:** 10:30 AM  
**Location:** Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Virk's Bldg., 3 West Road, Cranston, RI  
**Registration by email to:** Karen.mariano@gainwelltechnologies.com

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#### 2022 Meeting Dates:

September 20, 2022  
December 13, 2022

## Prior Authorization Requests

Please **do not** fax prior authorization requests that contain more than 15 pages. If your request is over 15 pages please mail your requests to:

Gainwell Technologies  
Prior Authorization Department  
PO Box 2010  
Warwick, RI 02887-2010

### Attention Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) Providers

Effective January 1, 2022, the monthly Room and Board Rate for all Medicaid LTSS Assisted Living Facility (ALF) customers with income under 300% Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) or \$2523, will change to \$1053 to reflect the Year 2022 Federal Benefit Rate (FBR). Room and Board Rate for customers with income over the 300% FBR will be \$2523 adjusted for a single versus double room accordingly. Cost of Care (COC) for all ALF customers may also change to reflect the 2022 COLA for customers who are receiving SSA benefits. Personal Need Allowance for all ALF customers regardless of ALF program (CAT D, RMFHC, PACE) will remain at \$120.

*For assistance, questions, or concerns, please contact:*

LTSS Coverage: 401-574-8474 or DHS Coverage: 1-855-697-4347 or the LTSS Email:

[dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov](mailto:dhs.ltss@dhs.ri.gov) .

*For Cost of Care (COC) and Room and Board updates and discrepancies, please contact:*

OHHS Contacts: [OHHS.LTSSEscalation@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:OHHS.LTSSEscalation@ohhs.ri.gov) or [Sally.mcgrath@ohhs.ri.gov](mailto:Sally.mcgrath@ohhs.ri.gov)

## Emailing for Technical Support

When sending an email to EDI ([riediservices@gainwelltechnologies.com](mailto:riediservices@gainwelltechnologies.com)) or your provider rep for assistance, it is important to include vital information so that we may best assist you. In your email please include your: name, phone number, user id, NPI and Trading Partner ID (if applicable).

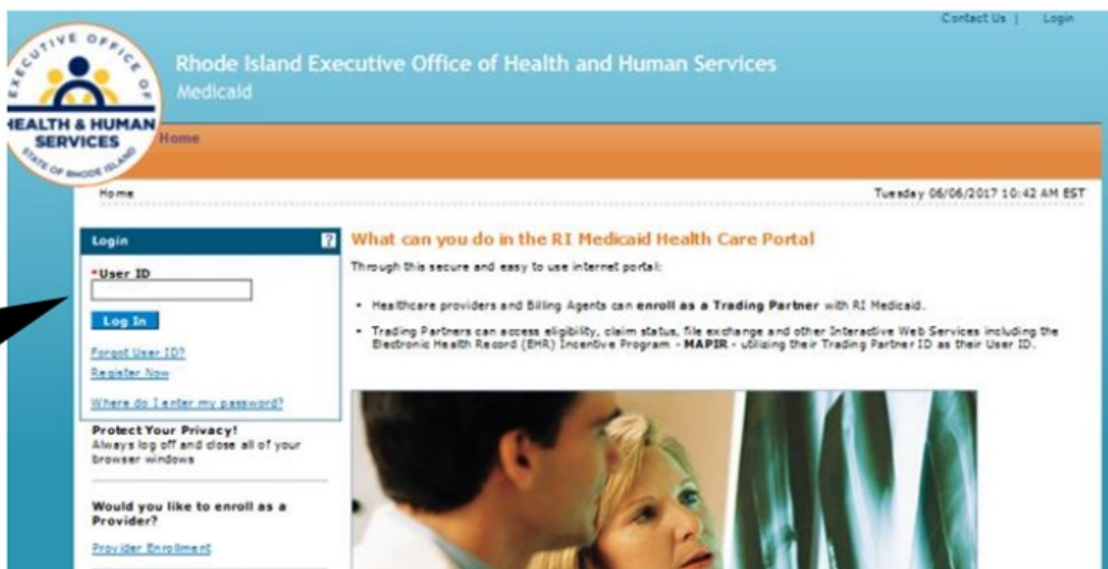
If you are emailing about login issues, please include the platform you are trying to access (Healthcare Portal, PES, etc).

If you are getting an error message, please include a screenshot of the error, or let us know *exactly* what the error message says. Depending on the platform you are using, there are multiple reasons an error could kick back, so providing this specific information in your email will help us to best assess the root of the issue and how to solve it.

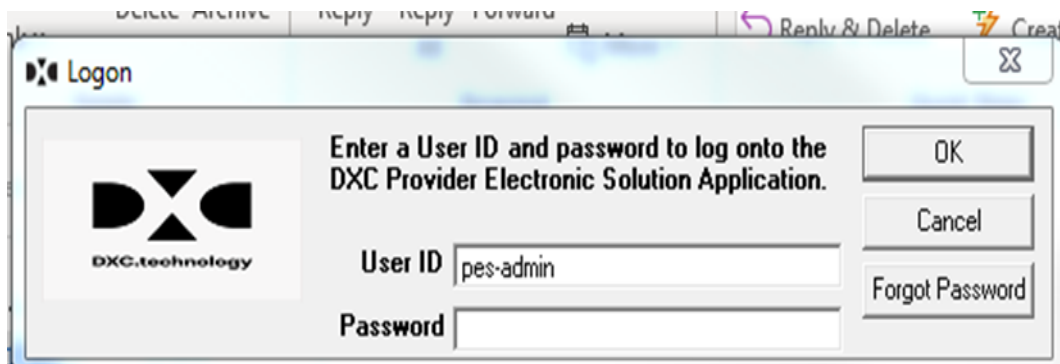
Below are screenshots of the most commonly used platforms that you may be logging into.

### Healthcare Portal:

Enter your User ID here and click Log In



### PES (aka Provider Electronic Services):



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## HEALTHCARE PORTAL

## LOGIN TROUBLESHOOTING

ISSUE	POSSIBLE THINGS TO CHECK/DO
<b>Login Issues</b>	
You are getting an error message that your security question answer is incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are not able to reset security questions. Only the owner of the account can change their questions and answers.</li> <li>• If you are getting an error that your security question answer is incorrect it is typically indicative that your username is wrong. Please go back to the home page and make sure you are typing in your username correctly. <b>*Please type slowly to ensure there are no mistakes*</b></li> <li>• Additionally, please make note of your security questions and answers to ensure that you are entering the correct answer each time.</li> </ul>
You are getting an error message that your password is incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passwords are CASE-SENSITIVE. So please take care to ensure you are entering your password correctly and that caps-lock is not on.</li> </ul>
You are getting questions you do not recognize -OR- you do not remember your username.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you already enrolled as a trading partner or delegate?</li> <li>• You need to have already enrolled as a trading partner - OR- have had your admin user create a delegate account before being able to sign in.</li> <li>• <i>Please</i> make sure you have <b>REGISTERED</b> and <b>VERIFIED</b> your account. If you have not registered and verified your account, you will be prompted with questions you do not recognize.</li> </ul>
You are getting an error when resetting your password on the Portal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Portal is VERY specific on what a password can be.</li> <li>• Your password must be <b>EXACTLY 8 characters</b> (no more, no less), with at least one capital letter, one lowercase letter, and <b>NO</b> special characters.</li> <li>• For example, something like "Portal21" would work, but something like "Pa55w@rd2021!" would not.</li> </ul>



A yellow sticky note with a red pushpin at the top center, containing the text "Please Note!" in black font.

Providers can access the Healthcare Portal directly, without going through the [EOHHS website](#), by going to this address:

<https://www.riproviderportal.org/HCP/Default.aspx?alias=www.riproviderportal.org/hcp/provider>

Click [here](#) to view the RI Medicaid memo regarding telehealth and COVID-19

### **Attention: Physicians and Non-physician Practitioners**

#### **CPT Consultation Codes**

Effective January 1, 2010, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid eliminated the use of all consultation codes (inpatient and office/outpatient codes) for Medicare beneficiaries. Please refer to the MLN Matters number MM6740 Revised for complete information. However, existing policies and rules governing Medicare advantage or non-Medicare insurers were not revised.

RIMA has not revised their policy on the use of consultation codes. RIMA still requires the use of CPT Consultation codes (ranges 99241-99245 and 99251-99255). Some providers may have already or will receive notifications regarding recoupment when the consultation codes are not utilized.

## NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING, AND HOSPICE PROVIDERS

### Payment Delivery for Interim Payments

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency, Interim payments will continue to be automatically deposited into the bank account associated with your Gainwell Technologies MMIS account.

This will alleviate the need for in-person visits to the Gainwell Technologies office.

The next system payment will be deposited into the bank account directly, in line with the financial calendar on July 15, 2022.

Gainwell Technologies will securely mail the member information to providers detailing which client and date of service the payment is for.

We will continue to communicate with providers on any changes.

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### DME Providers—Enteral Nutrition Guidelines

The Enteral Nutrition Guidelines have been updated. Guidelines can be found [here](#) in the Enteral Nutrition and Total Parental Nutrition section of the provider manual.

[http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ProviderManualsGuidelines/  
MedicaidProviderManual/DME/  
CoverageGuidelinesforDurableMedicalEquipment.aspx](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/ProviderManualsGuidelines/MedicaidProviderManual/DME/CoverageGuidelinesforDurableMedicalEquipment.aspx)

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### REMINDER FOR NURSING HOME

Stimulus funds should be treated the same as a tax refund/rebate by nursing homes. The rebate is not treated as income, or as a resource for a 12-month period, in determining an individual's eligibility or assistance amount under any federally funded public program.

**State FY 2023  
Claims Payment and Processing Schedule**

**SFY 2023 Financial Calendar**

MONTH	LTC CLAIMS Due at Noon	EMC CLAIMS Due by 5:00PM	EFT PAYMENT
July	7/07/2022	7/08/2022	7/15/2022
		7/22/2022	7/29/2022
August		8/05/2022	8/12/2022
	8/11/2022	8/12/2022	8/19/2022
		8/26/2022	9/02/2022
September			
	9/08/2022	9/09/2022	9/16/2022
		9/23/2022	9/30/2022
October	10/06/2022	10/07/2022	10/14/2022
		10/21/2022	10/28/2022
November	11/03/2022	11/04/2022	11/10/2022
		11/18/2022	11/25/2022
December		12/02/2022	12/09/2022
	12/08/2022	12/09/2022	12/16/2022
		12/23/2022	12/30/2022
January	1/05/2023	1/06/2023	1/13/2023
		1/20/2023	1/27/2023
February		2/03/2023	2/10/2023
	2/09/2023	2/10/2023	2/17/2023
		2/24/2023	3/03/2023
March			
	3/09/2023	3/10/2023	3/17/2023
		3/24/2023	3/31/2023
April			
	4/06/2023	4/07/2023	4/14/2023
		4/21/2023	4/28/2023
May	5/04/2023	5/05/2023	5/12/2023
		5/19/2023	5/26/2023
June		6/02/2023	6/09/2023
	6/08/2023	6/09/2023	6/16/2023
		6/23/2023	6/30/2023
July	7/06/2023	7/07/2023	7/14/2023
		7/21/2023	7/28/2023

View the SFY 2023 Payment and Processing Schedule on the EOHHS website

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ProvidersPartners/Billingamp;Claims/PaymentandProcessingSchedule.aspx>

## Notable Dates in July

**July 4th - Independence Day**

**July 11th - World Population Day**

**July 15th - World Youth Skills Day**

