

## **Division of Specialized Care for Children**

## **Provider Notice**

12/19/23

Dear Out of Home Respite Provider,

Thank you for your continued service to those enrolled with DSCC's Home Care program that is operated on behalf of the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS).

As you know, HFS and DSCC partnered together to submit the Medically Fragile Technology Dependent (MFTD) waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service (CMS) earlier this fall. We are happy to announce that the MFTD waiver was approved by CMS which included a change in the hourly rate paid to enrolled Children's Community -Based Health Care Center's for respite care provided outside of the waiver participants home.

The new rate effective 1/1/24 is: \$54.00 per hour

Please note that this service still will be limited to a maximum of 14 days or 336-hour annual limit. Also, the out of home respite service can only be provided to those MFTD waiver participants who are under 21.

We thank you for your continued service to the participants that we jointly serve. If you have any questions, please feel free contact me at <a href="mailto:sleach1@uic.edu">sleach1@uic.edu</a> or the number listed below.

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Again, thank you for your service-

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