



Division of Specialized Care for Children

PROVIDER NOTICE

Date: May 5, 2025

Dear Children's Community-Based Healthcare Centers,

As discussed in our [Provider Notice on April 11, 2025](#), federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved the 2025 rate increases pertaining to home nursing and respite care. The increased rate for transitional care services is still not approved by Federal CMS. The respite rates will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2025.

We are also pleased to announce the implementation of a new claims processing system. The new system will launch on May 12, 2025. This system aims to enhance efficiency and provide new features that will bring significant positive impacts to our partnering agencies.

The Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) takes pride in our fast turnaround times and expedited payments to our providers. However, due to the implementation of our new system, we anticipate a temporary delay in claims processing for dates of service from May 12, 2025, through June 1, 2025. Our teams will work diligently to ensure a smooth transition.

What does this mean for you?

Please submit any out-of-home respite services provided on or after May 12, 2025, with the new rate. It is important to follow this process correctly to ensure payments are made correctly.

The new rate is as follows:

- Out-of-home respite: from \$54 per hour to \$57.78 per hour

DSCC will provide an additional update when the transitional care rate increase is approved. Please continue to bill the transitional care rate at \$950 per day.

Out-of-home respite services that were billed and paid at the 2024 rates will be adjusted for additional rate payout. We will provide additional communication about the procedure to adjust previously paid claims from Jan. 1, 2025, to the present. DSCC will work as quickly as possible to issue payments backlogged from this timeframe.

We are happy to help you with any questions you may have. Please contact your DSCC Liaison or the DSCC Claims Department contact at DSCCClaimsServices@uic.edu.

Thank you for your continued service to the Home Care Program's participants and their families.