



Division of Specialized Care for Children

Provider Notice

DATE: 12/18/2024

Dear Children's Community-Based Health Care Center Provider,

The Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) recently sent out a notice from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) dated 11.26.24 indicating a tentative rate increase effective 1/1/25. (<https://dsccl.uic.edu/home-care-provider-notices/>)

Out of home respite: from \$54.00 per hour to \$57.78 per hour

Transitional care: from \$950 per day to \$1,300 per day

The rate increase requires Federal CMS approval. To date, HFS has not received that approval. In the event the approval is not given by 1/1/25, DSCC is asking for the following actions to be taken by you:

- Providers will hold claims for services provided on or after 1/1/25. Providers will be notified of when they are allowed to release claims for services provided on or after 1/1/25 (once the rates have been approved).
- Claims for services on or before 12/31/24 should be submitted as normal and not held. Providers must split the billing week and not include any claims for services provided on or after 1/1/25.
- As soon as CMS approves the rate increases, providers will be notified to release claims for dates of service on or after 1/1/25, and DSCC will immediately begin processing for payment at the approved rate amounts.
- DSCC is unable to short pay or pay at the old rates for claims submitted with dates of service on or after 1/1/25. Claims for dates of service on or after 1/1/25 will be paid at the new rates once approval has been provided.

DSCC will be monitoring this daily and will promptly communicate when the rate increase is approved by Federal CMS.

If you have any questions, please contact your DSCC Liaison or the DSCC Claims Department contact at DSCCClaimsServices@uic.edu.