



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

### **Provider Notice**

DATE: 12/18/2024

Dear Nursing Agency,

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/>)

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:

- Agencies will hold claims for services provided on or after 1/1/25. Agencies 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. Agencies 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, agencies 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 Nursing Agency Liaison or the DSCC Claims Department contact at [DSCCClaimsServices@uic.edu](mailto:DSCCClaimsServices@uic.edu).