



Division of Specialized Care for Children

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Dear participant and caregiver,

We are pleased to share the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has announced a tentative rate increase for in-home nurses.

The rate increase will take effect in the new year. This rate increase affects:

- Registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN) and certified nursing assistant (CNA) care
- In-home and facility-based respite care
- Nurse training rates

This increase will become effective Jan.1, 2025. The rates are as follows:

- RN, \$57.78 per hour
- LPN, \$48.15 per hour
- CNA, \$32.10 per hour

You can see the updated rate chart on our website's Home Care Rate Table page at <https://dsc.c.uic.edu/home-care-rate-table/>.



The following rate increases are for participants who are in the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Those Who Are Medically Fragile, Technology Dependent (MFTD):

- Nurse training for an RN, \$57.78 per hour
- Nurse training for an LPN, \$48.15 per hour
- In-home respite for an RN, \$57.78 per hour
- In-home respite for an LPN, \$48.15 per hour
- In-home respite for a CNA, \$32.10 per hour

Your nursing resource allocation amounts will also increase to reflect the new rate on Jan. 1, 2025.

PLEASE NOTE:

HFS will not update your Prior Authorization for In-Home Shift Nursing letter (also known as the 2352) with the new rates until your next regularly scheduled renewal after Jan. 1, 2025.

Starting at the first of the year, HFS will issue a new Prior Authorization for In-Home Shift Nursing letter with updated rates and nursing allocation amounts for all Home Care eligibility renewals.

Until your next regularly scheduled renewal in 2025, you must refer to our Rate Conversion Chart to find your new monthly nursing allocation based on the rate increase.

The rate conversion chart is posted on our website's Home Care Rate Table page at <https://dsc.uic.edu/home-care-rate-table/>.



For example, a current nursing authorization of \$29,584 per month with an approval date range of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, means the next renewal is in May 2025.

You would then use the Rate Conversion Chart to determine your updated monthly allocation amount until you receive an updated authorization letter from HFS in May 2025.

In this example, your updated amount is \$31,656 of nursing per month.

Your Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) care coordination team can help you with any questions. Please call us at (800) 322-3722.

We hope this rate increase can help make more high-quality nursing options available for your family.