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NOTIFICATION FOR PROVIDERS

Provider Rate Increases

HCBS Provider Rate Increases for Increasing DCW Worker Wages

Per [NCDHHS Special Bulletin # 230](#): Update on Temporary Rate Increases and HCBS Rate Implementation, per North Carolina Senate Bill 105, the North Carolina General Assembly intends to increase hourly wages of direct care workers of HCBS a minimum of \$15 per hour and has appropriated funds to move worker wages toward that goal beginning during State Fiscal Year 2022 (SFY 2022).

The State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) and Mercer Government Human Services Consulting performed an analysis to assess the State's available State Plan, 1915(c) waivers and managed care contract services to determine which meet the definition of direct care worker within the Senate Bill and calculated equitable rate increases at the procedure code level to fully allocate the available funds.

In response to this communication and analysis performed, Trillium is currently in the process of updating the rates in all applicable contracts for the identified services for effective date of service of **4/1/2022**. Please allow up to four weeks for this process to be completed. We will send out another communication bulletin once the rates are updated within contracts and the published rate tables are available on Trillium's website.

These rate increases are independent of any other rate adjustments that Trillium has implemented and are currently in effect.

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