

December 11, 2020

Dear Companion Home Provider:

Effective January 1, 2021, there will be a 1.8% increase to the **CARE-assessed daily rate** for client receiving services in a Companion Home. The current rate setting methodology multiplier under WAC 388-829C-131 will increase from 14.2 to 14.5, which will impact each provider differently.

For the purpose of the examples below, we will use the sum of the support assessment scale values highlighted in yellow, which total "9."

Category	None	Low	Medium	High
Activities of daily living	0	1	2	3
Behavior	0	1	2	3
Interpersonal support	0	1	2	3
Medical	0	1	2	3
Mobility	0	1	2	3
Protective supervision	0	1	2	3

Example: This client's CARE-assessed rate prior to January 1, 2021 is \$127.80. ($14.2 \times 9 = \127.80)

1. Providers whose rate is at the CARE-assess daily rate will receive an increase in their daily rate.
Current CARE assessed rate: \$127.80 (Example above)
January 1, 2021 rate: \$130.50 ($14.5 \times 9 = \130.50)
2. Providers whose rate was negotiated prior to the rate setting methodology who have an ETR allowing for the negotiated rate that is less than 1.8% above the CARE-assessed daily rate, will receive the CARE-assessed daily rate.
Current CARE assessed rate: \$127.80 (Example above)
Current Negotiated rate: 130.00 ($\$127.80 + \text{ETR to remain at current rate}$)
January 1, 2021 CARE-assessed daily rate: \$130.50 (ETR goes away)
3. Providers whose rate was negotiated prior to the rate setting methodology who have an ETR allowing for the negotiated rate that exceeds 1.8% of the CARE-assessed daily rate will remain at their current rate. These providers will not receive a rate increase or decrease.
Current CARE assessed rate: \$127.80 (Example above)
Current Negotiated rate: 140.00 ($\$127.80 + \text{ETR to remain at current rate}$)
January 1, 2021 CARE-assessed daily rate: \$140.00 ($\$130.50 + \text{ETR to remain at current rate}$)

DDA recognizes the significance of the work you do each day and hopes this rate increase will aid in providing stable and long-term support to individuals we serve. Thank you for your continued partnership with the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

Thank you,



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