NC Department of Health and Human Services

NC Medicaid Payments for Skilled Nursing and Adult Care Homes

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Temporary COVID Rate Increases

- Most in place since spring 2020
- Was only budgeted through January of 2022
- Persistent staffing challenges in LTC – temp rate increases extended through June 30
- HCBS funding now in place, but SNF not included (does not meet federal definition)
GA’s DCW Rate Increases & Bonus

HCBS Rate Increases (see Special Bulletin #230)
- $210M total (federal and state) recurring
- Rate Increase of $2.16/hr
- Providers strongly encouraged to pass 80% on to direct care worker (DCW) wages

Bonuses (see Special Bulletin #233)
- One-time $1,946.34
- State covering employer share of FICA
- Did include DCWs in nursing homes
Skilled Nursing and Adult Care Homes

Adult Care Home (ACH)

- Funded through Personal Care Services (PCS) rate, State/County Special Assistance, and Private Pay
- HCBS increase means post-June 30 PCS rate will be $4/hr higher than pre-pandemic ($19.56/hr post vs. $15.60)

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)

- SNFs receive facility-specific per diem rates based on resident acuity levels and facility-based factors
- No HCBS increase – post June 30 rates will return to pre pandemic levels (average rate:* $203.64)

*Based on 1/1/2022 state average base rate before COVID add-on
Current SNF Rates with COVID Add-On

SNF rates April-June have $79.06 add-on (5% + 10% + $47.50)

$203.64   avg base per diem rate
+ 79.06   temporary COVID add-on
$282.70   total avg per diem rate

State cost per month* = ~$13M

* At current enhanced FMAP and estimated current occupancy rates. Annual monthly cost in SFY 2023 would likely be higher.
Current PCS Rates with COVID Add-On

PCS rates April-June have $4.28/hr add-on

$19.56 post-HCBS increase hourly rate (including EVV 10% add-on) + 4.28 temporary COVID add-on
$23.84 total hourly rate

State cost per month* = ~$4.6M

* At current enhanced FMAP and estimated current utilization rates. Annual monthly cost in SFY 2023 would likely be higher.