

Proposed NOW and COMP Policy Changes for January 1, 2014

DBHDD, Division of Developmental Disabilities proposes the following NOW and COMP policy changes for January 1, 2014. The proposed policy changes are based on:

- (1) Recommendations from the Exceptional Rate Work Group for a revised process for the review of enhanced medical and/or behavioral supports needed by an individual
- (2) A revised process for the initial renewals of exceptional rates based on the recommendations of the Exceptional Rate Work Group
- (3) New process for determination of administrative costs associated with exceptional rates for Specialized Medical Supplies based on the recommendations of the Exceptional Rate Work Group

The final proposed changes submitted by DBHDD, Division of Developmental Disabilities are reviewed by the Department of Community Health (DCH) legal and program staff. DCH review may result in approval, revision or rejection of any DBHDD proposed NOW/COMP policy changes.

NOW and COMP Part II

Appendix H

Proposed policy changes to this appendix are as follows:

Proposed Policy Change 1

A clinical based review and specification of the enhanced medical and/or behavior supports required by an individual will be conducted by the Intake & Evaluation Team for individuals currently on the waivers or entering the waivers from the community. A Transition Triage Team will conduct the clinically based review and specification of the enhanced medical and/or behavioral supports required by individuals transitioning to the community. The clinical review and specification of enhanced medical and/or behavior supports will replace the usage of the Tier System for Exceptional Rates.

Proposed Policy Change 2

For individuals entering the waivers with approved exceptional rates, a clinical review of the initial, enhanced medical and/or behavioral supports will occur for the first birthday renewal. If the clinical review supports that there are no changes in the enhanced medical and/or behavioral supports needed by the individual, then the exceptional rate as initially approved will be maintained until the following annual birthday renewal.

Proposed Policy Change 3

The following outlines the proposed changes in Specialized Medical Supplies (SMS) administrative costs for exceptional rates:

Administrative costs for SMS Exceptional Rates include ordering, billing, handling, delivery, processing, and documenting. The administrative costs are based on the unique items ordered. For example, formula is one unique item, and 12 cases of formula are regarded as one unique item.

NOTE: Any supplies in the category of over-the-counter medications are counted as one unique item for all supplies in this category. Also, any supplies in the category of herbal supplements, nutritional oils, other non-nutritional supplements, and vitamins are counted as one unique item for all supplies in this category.

Administrative costs for SMS Exceptional Rates are based on unique items as defined above. These administrative costs are as follows:

Number of Unique Items	Annual Administrative Costs
1 to 4	\$250
5 to 8	\$335
9 to 12	\$449
13 to 16	\$602
Above 16	\$807

The above annual administrative costs provide the following increases above the current administrative costs based on 8 to 10 percent of the standard maximum for SMS:

Dollar Amount Increases	Percentage Increase
\$63.20	34%
\$148.20	79%
\$262.20	140%
\$415.20	222%
\$620.20	332%