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I/DD Rate Study Initial (Draft) Recommendations



Updates to Presentation of 1/6/23

Several updates to the initial recommendations for the I/DD Rate Study, conducted by Burns and Associates (HMA-Burns), have been incorporated into the presentation from Friday, January 6th, 2023. The summary of those changes is noted below and within the presentation, all changes are shown in blue font. The presentation is available at [Georgia Waiver Rates - Burns Health](#).

Please note, these recommendations are not final. DBHDD and HMA-Burns want to hear from community stakeholders before finalizing the proposals. Individuals may submit written comments directly to dbarber@healthmanagement.com by end of day Friday, January 20, 2023.

- Slide 12: revised the rate study process flow to communicate individual and family listening sessions are occurring as part of the draft rate model phase
- Slide 31: corrected references to the SIS sections used to assign participant level of need
- Slide 48: added clarification regarding the 'first hour' rate to specify it can be billed for individuals working at least 40 hours per month, and clarified that the criteria for intensive services would be the same as for intensive support coordination
- Slide 52: this new slide was added to emphasize that staffing ratio requirements would be 1:8 for center-based services and 1:5 for community-based services regardless of who is enrolled in the program

Commenters are encouraged to be as specific as possible and may submit any other documentation they believe should be considered. All comments and submitted materials will be considered before the recommendations are finalized.

Your public comment contributions are valued as an essential part of the rate development process. For any questions concerning the rate study please contact ashleigh.caseman@dbhdd.ga.gov.

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