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Dear Dr. Fotinos,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) payment methodology documents in accordance with special term and condition (STC) 15.15. This document reflects the payment methodologies Washington will use for covering the following HRSN benefits, as authorized by the Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0 (MTP 2.0) Section 1115 Demonstration (Project Numbers 11-W-00304/0 and 21-W-00071/0).

- Housing transition navigation- submitted July 31, 2024
- Rent and temporary housing- submitted November 1, 2024
- Medical respite- submitted November 20, 2024, and
- Nutritional supports, home accessibility, personal care and homemaker services, and caregiver respite- submitted November 27, 2024.

This approval is conditioned upon compliance with the previously approved STCs, which set forth in detail the nature, character, and extent of anticipated federal involvement in the project.

We look forward to our continued partnership on the MTP 2.0 demonstration. If you have any questions, please contact your CMS project officer, Diona Kristian, [Diona.Kristian@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Diona.Kristian@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Edwin Walaszek, State Monitoring Lead, Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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## Housing transition navigation services fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<b>Security Deposits</b>	Deposit	Security deposits: Up to 200% FMR <sup>i</sup> (based on home size)	Fair Market Rent (FMR) standards as set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<b>First Month's Rent</b>	Per Month	First month's rent: Up to 150% FMR (based on home size and county)	FMR standards as set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<b>Supportive Housing (pre-tenancy supports and tenancy sustaining services)</b>	Per Diem (H0043)	\$145.27 <sup>ii</sup>	Per rate study conducted by Mercer in 2023. Alignment with proposed FCS per diem for CSS services.
<b>IDs and other documentation</b>	Fee	Up to \$120	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded benefit <sup>iii</sup> . WA enhanced license is \$116 including application fees. <sup>iv</sup>
<b>Housing Application Fees</b>	Fee	Up to \$100 (per application)	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded benefit. <sup>iii</sup>
<b>Transitional housing fees (drug screening, urinalysis)</b>	Fee	Up to \$100 (per screening)	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Urinalysis and other drug screening fees may apply in certain transitional and recovery housing settings
<b>Pantry Stocking</b>	Fee	Up to \$500	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with pantry stocking through WA State's Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration for 2 weeks of support upon move-in.
<b>Basic household goods and furniture</b>	Fee	Up to \$2500	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded benefit. <sup>iii</sup>

<b>Utility arrears</b>	Per Month	Up to 130% estimated utility expenses (based on home size) x 6 months	Up to 6 months of arrears, based on home size per Housing Choice Voucher utility estimates. <sup>v</sup> Not to be combined with ongoing utility support for more than 6 months total support.
<b>Utility set up fees</b>	Fee	Up to \$200 per utility service	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded Transition Assistance Program. <sup>iii</sup>
<b>Relocation expenses</b>	Fee	Up to \$1500	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded Transition Assistance Program. <sup>iii</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Fair Market Rent (FMR) standards as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, available here: [FY 2024 Fair Market Rent Documentation System – Statewide Summary for Washington \(huduser.gov\)](#)

<sup>ii</sup> Per diem rate is based on an October 2023 rate study performed by Mercer to evaluate the adequacy of the current rates for Washington’s Foundational Community Supports program.

<sup>iii</sup> Foundational Community Supports [Transition Assistance Program Quick Reference Guide](#). August 2024.

<sup>iv</sup> WA Department of Licensing [Driver’s license and ID fees](#)

<sup>v</sup> Seattle Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher program [utility estimates](#) per household size. 2024.

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## Rent and temporary Housing fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<b>Rent payment A</b>	Rent	Up to 150% FMR	Fair Market Rent (FMR) <sup>1</sup> standards as set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Aligns with state-funded Apple Health and Homes Initiative <sup>2</sup>
<b>Rent payment B<sup>3</sup></b>	Rent	Up to \$5,000	Aligned with WA state Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration. <sup>4</sup>
<b>Storage fees and movers' fees</b>	Fee	Up to \$3,000 per demonstration period	Aligned with WA State MFP demonstration
<b>Renters insurance</b>	Premium	Up to \$30/per month for up to 6 months	Average renters insurance fees per National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) <sup>5</sup> .
<b>Landlord paid utilities that are part of the rent payment and not duplicative of other HRSN utility payments that are paid out of housing navigation</b>	Fee	Up to \$500/month for up to 6 months	Aligns with WA State MFP short-term rent and utilities rate. <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fair Market Rent (FMR) standards as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, available here: [FY 2024 Fair Market Rent Documentation System – Statewide Summary for Washington \(huduser.gov\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> WA State Department of Commerce, [Apple Health and Homes initiative](#), 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Rent payment A is for rent payments for apartments, single room occupancy (SRO) units, single-family homes, multifamily homes, mobile home communities, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), co-housing communities, trailers, manufactured homes; or Manufactured home lots; or Transitional and recovery housing including bridge, site-based, population-specific, and community living programs that may or may not offer supportive services and programming. Rent payment B is for motel or hotel when it is serving as the individual's primary residence.

<sup>4</sup> Aligns with WA State MFP demonstration. See attached Service Code Data Sheet for SA294 U1. May 2023.

<sup>5</sup> [National Association of Insurance Commissioners](#). 2015. The state may approve up to 150% through Exception to Rule (ETR) to ensure housing stability statewide and coverage of rate variability.

<sup>6</sup> Aligns with WA State Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration. See attached WA State Supplemental Services Descriptions." May 2023.

<b>Recurring utilities including expenses for garbage, water, sewer, recycling, gas/ electric, internet, phone, (inclusive of land line phone service and cell phone service)</b>	Fee	Up to \$5,000 per client per demonstration period	Aligns with WA State MFP Demonstration. See attached “WA State Supplemental Services Descriptions”. <sup>6</sup>
<b>Non-refundable/non-recurring utility setup costs for utilities or restart costs if the service has been discontinued, and up to six months of arrears related to unpaid bills</b>	Fee	Up to \$1500	Aligned with state-funded Foundational Community Supports Transition Assistance Program (TAP). <sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Foundational Community Supports (FCS) [Transition Assistance Program \(TAP\) Quick Reference Guide](#), 2024.

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## Home accessibility, remediation, and adaptation services fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<b>Home accessibility modifications</b>	Fee, per instance	Up to \$5,000 <sup>i</sup>	Aligned with per instance maximum amount under WA Money Follows the Person demonstration (MFP), Roads to Community Living. <sup>ii</sup>
<b>Home remediation services</b>	Fee, per instance	Up to \$5,000 <sup>i</sup>	Aligns with per instance max amount with similar services under WA MFP demonstration.
<b>Adaptation home devices</b>			
Air conditioner	Device, including delivery	Up to \$660	HCA estimated cost per device.
Air filtration device	Device, including delivery	Up to \$500	HCA estimated cost per device.
Air filter replacement	Device, including delivery	Up to \$70	HCA estimated cost per device.
Portable power supply	Device, including delivery	Up to \$1,590	HCA estimated cost per device.
Heater	Device, including delivery	Up to \$290	HCA estimated cost per device.
Mini refrigerator	Device, including delivery	Up to \$170	HCA estimated cost per device.

<sup>i</sup> For goods and services, rates are based on the actual cost of the good/service being provided and may vary by geographic location, demand, etc. Modifications must be conducted in accordance with applicable State and local building codes. HCA may authorize an exception to this maximum through “Exception to Rule” process if an enrollee’s physical condition or living situation has changed so significantly that additional modifications are necessary to ensure their health, safety, or independence.

<sup>ii</sup> Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration, [Long-Term Care Manual](#), October 2024.

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## Medical Respite Care fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<p>Service procedure code T2033 is considered to encompass key components of Medical Respite Care (MRC) models under the National Institute for Medical Respite Care (NIMRC), defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24-hour access to a bed</li> <li>• Three meals per day</li> <li>• Transportation to all medical appointments</li> <li>• Access to a phone for telehealth and/or communications related to medical needs</li> <li>• A safe space to store personal items</li> <li>• A wellness check at least once every 24 hours by medical respite staff (clinical or nonclinical)</li> </ul>	<p>Daily rate (per diem)</p>	<p>\$300</p>	<p>The proposed daily rate is based upon our current state-only funded fee-for-service (FFS) Medical Respite program, which was implemented in 2022.</p> <p>The FFS rate is based on managed care organizations (MCO) encounter data from April 2014 through April 2021.</p> <p>Based on MCO utilization data, \$300 was the average daily rate paid during that date span.</p>



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## Caregiver respite fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<b>Respite care, in home</b>	Per hour	Up to \$45 <sup>i</sup>	Aligns with in-home respite services delivered via Department of Social and Health Services Long-Term Services and Supports 1915(k) and 1915(c) authorities.
<b>Respite care, in facility</b>	Per diem	Up to \$540 <sup>i</sup>	Aligns with respite care services provided in a facility through Department of Social and Health Services Long-Term Services and Supports 1915(k) and 1915(c) authorities.

<sup>i</sup> Provider reimbursement rates prepared by Milliman for Department of Social and Health Services, April 2024.

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## Nutrition supports services fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<b>Nutrition counseling and education</b>	Per 15 minutes	Up to \$33.48/unit	Cost-based reimbursement up to a cap. Aligns with statewide Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)-Ed hourly rate.
<b>Medically tailored meals</b>	Per meal	Up to \$20.50/meal	Cost-based reimbursement up to a cap. Aligns with DSHS Long-Term Care: Senior Nutrition and home-delivered meals (HDM) rates. <sup>i</sup>
<b>Meals or pantry stocking</b>	Fee	Up to \$500	Cost-based reimbursement up to a cap. Aligns with rates for pantry stocking through WA State's Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration and health-related social needs (HRSN) housing transition navigation services. <sup>ii</sup>
<b>Fruit and vegetable prescriptions</b>	Fee	Up to \$83.33/month	Aligns with rates for DOH Fruit and Vegetable program. <sup>iii</sup>
<b>Short-term grocery provision</b>	Fee	Up to \$584/month	Cost-based reimbursement up to a cap. Aligns with max monthly SNAP allowance for an individual. <sup>iv</sup>

<sup>i</sup> DSHS Long-Term Care Decision Package: Senior Nutrition and HDM Rates

<sup>ii</sup> Housing transition navigation services fee schedule

<sup>iii</sup> Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program | Washington State Department of Health

<sup>iv</sup> SNAP Maximum Allotments and Deductions

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## Personal care and homemaker services fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
<b>Personal care</b>	Per 15 min (T1019)	Up to \$11.25 <sup>i</sup>	Aligns with in-home respite services delivered via Department of Social and Health Services Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA)
<b>Homemaker</b>	Per 15 min (S5130)	Up to \$10 <sup>i</sup>	Aligns with previous homemaker services provided through DSHS AL TSA

<sup>i</sup> Provider reimbursement rates prepared by Milliman for Department of Social and Health Services, April 2024.