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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.

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
Security Deposits	Deposit	Security deposits: Up to 200% FMR ⁱ (based on home size)	Fair Market Rent (FMR) standards as set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
First Month's Rent	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.
Supportive Housing (pre-tenancy supports and tenancy sustaining services)	Per Diem (H0043)	\$145.27 ⁱⁱ	Per rate study conducted by Mercer in 2023. Alignment with proposed FCS per diem for CSS services.
IDs and other documentation	Fee	Up to \$120	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded benefit ⁱⁱⁱ . WA enhanced license is \$116 including application fees. ^{iv}
Housing Application Fees	Fee	Up to \$100 (per application)	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded benefit. ⁱⁱⁱ
Transitional housing fees (drug screening, urinalysis)	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
Pantry Stocking	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.
Basic household goods and furniture	Fee	Up to \$2500	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded benefit. ⁱⁱⁱ

Utility arrears	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. ^v Not to be combined with ongoing utility support for more than 6 months total support.
Utility set up fees	Fee	Up to \$200 per utility service	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded Transition Assistance Program. ⁱⁱⁱ
Relocation expenses	Fee	Up to \$1500	Cost-Based Reimbursement Up to a Cap. Aligned with state-funded Transition Assistance Program. ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ 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 \(huduser.gov\)](#)

ⁱⁱ 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.

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

^{iv} WA Department of Licensing [Driver’s license and ID fees](#)

^v 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
Rent payment A	Rent	Up to 150% FMR	Fair Market Rent (FMR) ¹ standards as set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Aligns with state-funded Apple Health and Homes Initiative ²
Rent payment B³	Rent	Up to \$5,000	Aligned with WA state Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration. ⁴
Storage fees and movers' fees	Fee	Up to \$3,000 per demonstration period	Aligned with WA State MFP demonstration
Renters insurance	Premium	Up to \$30/per month for up to 6 months	Average renters insurance fees per National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) ⁵ .
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	Fee	Up to \$500/month for up to 6 months	Aligns with WA State MFP short-term rent and utilities rate. ⁶

¹ 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 \(huduser.gov\)](#)

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

³ 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.

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

⁵ [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.

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

Recurring utilities including expenses for garbage, water, sewer, recycling, gas/ electric, internet, phone, (inclusive of land line phone service and cell phone service)	Fee	Up to \$5,000 per client per demonstration period	Aligns with WA State MFP Demonstration. See attached “WA State Supplemental Services Descriptions”. ⁶
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	Fee	Up to \$1500	Aligned with state-funded Foundational Community Supports Transition Assistance Program (TAP). ⁷

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

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Home accessibility, remediation, and adaptation fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
Home accessibility modifications	Fee, per instance	Up to \$5,000 ⁱ	Aligned with per instance maximum amount under WA Money Follows the Person demonstration (MFP), Roads to Community Living ⁱⁱ .
Home remediation services	Fee, per instance	Up to \$5,000 ⁱ	Aligned with per instance max amount with similar services under WA MFP demonstration
Adaptation home devices			
Air conditioner	Device, including sales tax and delivery	Up to \$880	HCA estimated cost per device.
Air filtration device	Device, including sales tax and delivery	Up to \$500	
Air filter replacement	Device, including sales tax and delivery	Up to \$80	
Portable power supply	Device, including sales tax and delivery	Up to \$1,400	
Heater	Device, including sales tax and delivery	Up to \$220	
Mini refrigerator	Device, including sales tax and delivery	Up to \$300	

ⁱ 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.

ⁱⁱ Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Rates Management, [Home and Community Based Services rates](#), July 2024. See row 62 for “Enviro adaptations in-home” rate.

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Medical Respite Care fee shedule

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">• 24-hour access to a bed• Three meals per day• Transportation to all medical appointments• Access to a phone for telehealth and/or communications related to medical needs• A safe space to store personal items• A wellness check at least once every 24 hours by medical respite staff (clinical or nonclinical)	Daily rate (per diem)	\$300	<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
Respite care, in home	Per 15 min (T1005)	Up to \$10.29	Aligned with in-home respite services delivered via Department of Social and Health Services Long-Term Services and Supports 1915(k), 1915(c), and 1115 (MAC/TSOA) authorities. ⁱ
Respite care, in facility	Per diem (H0045)	Up to \$554	Aligned with respite care services provided in a facility through Department of Social and Health Services Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Rates Management, [Home and Community Based Services Rates](#), July 2024. See row 127 for “Home Care Agency”.

ⁱⁱ Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Rates Management, [Developmental Disabilities Rates](#), July 2024. See row 12 for “Respite Daily Dedicated Bed Adult Single”.

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Nutrition supports services fee schedule

Service Name	Unit of Service/Payment	Rate or Cap	Methodology
Nutrition counseling and education	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.
Medically tailored meals	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. ⁱ
Meals or pantry stocking	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. ⁱⁱ
Fruit and vegetable prescriptions	Fee	Up to \$83.33/month	Aligns with rates for DOH Fruit and Vegetable program. ⁱⁱⁱ
Short-term grocery provision	Fee	Up to \$584/month	Cost-based reimbursement up to a cap. Aligns with max monthly SNAP allowance for an individual. ^{iv}

ⁱ DSHS Long-Term Care Decision Package: Senior Nutrition and HDM Rates

ⁱⁱ Housing transition navigation services fee schedule

ⁱⁱⁱ Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program | Washington State Department of Health

^{iv} 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
Personal care	Per 15 min (T1019)	Up to \$10.29 ⁱ	Aligned with in-home respite services delivered via Department of Social and Health Services Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA)
Homemaker	Per 15 min (S5130)	Up to \$10.29 ⁱⁱ	Aligned with previous homemaker services provided through DSHS AL TSA

ⁱ WA State Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Rates Management, [Home and Community Bases Services Rates](#), July 2024. See row 132 for “Home Care Agency – Personal Care”.

ⁱⁱ WA State Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Rates Management, [Home and Community Bases Services Rates](#), July 2024. See row 82 for “Housework & Errands (Home Care Agency)”.