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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Provider Type(s): 67

iBudget Residential Habilitation Services

The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) have been working diligently to implement strategies for meeting the needs of iBudget providers and the individuals they serve while mitigating the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The purpose of this alert is to inform Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting (iBudget) Waiver providers that AHCA and APD are temporarily reducing the number of days an iBudget recipient needs to be present in an APD-licensed residential home in order to bill the monthly rate for residential habilitation services, in accordance with AHCA Emergency Order AHCA No. 20-005.

Temporary Reimbursement Change for Residential Habilitation Services: Currently, the iBudget Handbook allows residential habilitation providers that operate APD-licensed residential homes to bill residential habilitation services at the monthly rate for residents that reside in the APD-licensed residential home for a minimum of 24 calendar days in the month. On a temporary basis, eligible providers may bill the monthly rate for individuals who reside in an APD-licensed residential home for a minimum of **18 calendar days in the month**. Providers should continue to bill the daily rate for recipients who reside in the APD-licensed residential home less than 18 days. The monthly and daily rates will stay the same as what is currently listed on the iBudget Waiver rate table. All other service and reimbursement criteria still apply. Both the iBudget Handbook and the rate table can be found on AHCA's website at: <http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/review/Promulgated.shtml>

This change is effective beginning for the month of August 2020.

Please note that the daily attendance log must reflect the actual number of days that the recipient is in the APD-licensed residential home.

Additional Information: Please contact APD at covid.19@apdcares.org if you have additional questions. You may also visit APD's website at <https://apd.myflorida.com/covid19/> or contact your local APD regional office for additional assistance or questions.

Additionally, you may visit the AHCA COVID-19 Alerts [web page](#) to stay informed about AHCA's response to COVID-19 as it provides specific information pertaining to facilities, Medicaid providers, and frequently asked questions regarding Florida Medicaid requirements during the state of emergency.

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