

## May 2024 Caseload Estimating Conference

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

Date: 5/1/2024

### **Follow-Up Items:**

1. Would you be able to again produce and transmit to the conferees this Authorizations actuals by-category by-month data in the same formatting from November's document, and if possible, report out these Authorizations actuals data from July 2023 through April 2024?
  - a. Please refer to tab 10 – Monthly Authorizations
2. For the professional services listed on tab 7, can you provide the actual billing rate of each service?
  - a. Please refer to tab 7 – FY 24 & FY 25 Service Notes under section: Professional Services for the billing rates for each professional service.
3. I presume that the Caseload and Expenditure data listed on Tab 8 of your testimony Excel workbook reflects the rate these providers have been billing at so far (the RN/LPN rate) and therefore does not reflect any retro-active payment DD will make to these five types of providers once we're able to rebill them under the proper codes. Is DD able to provide an estimate for the magnitude of this retroactive payment? Based on the information from page 5 of your testimony Overview document it seems that any retro-active payment of this nature is already baked into your overall FY 2024 expenditure projections, so I'm essentially asking what was the total amount of money added to your FY 2024 expenditure estimate to account for these re-billings?
  - a. Providers have been billing at the old Professional Services rate of \$13.13 for FY24, which is not the same rate as the RN/LPN as mentioned above. The new RN/LPN rates can be viewed in Tab 7 – FY 24 & FY 25 Service Notes in the section: Professional Services.
  - b. The estimate for the retroactive payment to providers to account for re-billings would be in the amount of \$1,866,546.
4. On a related subject, I've attached to this email a document DD produced for testimony one year ago at the May 2023 CEC titled "Attachment 8\_Final Rate Models", which lists out the rates recommended by HMA to be implemented beginning in FY 2024. Page 7 of this PDF (page 4 by page numbering) lists out the rates for professional services. Can you confirm if the rates listed for the professional services in this document are still considered accurate and reflect what is currently being billed for these services (or what will be billed for these services retro-actively once the codes are ready)?
  - a. Yes, these rates are accurate and are what will be billed for these services retro-actively and currently. Please refer to tab 7 – FY 24 & FY 25 Service Notes, section Professional Services in columns M and N for the concurrent billing rate for each professional service.

Date: 4/29/2024

**Follow-Up Items:**

1. Reclassifications of Authorizations (are authorizations housing the amounts truly expected after the rate model).
  - b. There was a mass rate adjustment done in Therap to update all authorizations that were already in the system for 7/1/2023 that updated those rates to the new rates. With this confirmation, our authorizations currently have the proper rates and total amounts. Our projections already utilize this and also determine the projections for moving employment out of community authorizations, which can be referred to here: (tab 7 – section Community Based Services)
2. Provide Authorizations for FY24 by service category and the estimated spend for those service categories.
  - c. Please refer to the update in Tab 3 – Authorization vs Actual section “Estimated Authorizations vs Spend Utilization FY24”
5. Whole Life SLA – when using the information provided to calculate a per member cost, it appears that this value is lower than what the SLA package itself offers for the tiers.

The FY24 \$12,053,745 and the FY25 \$13,897,000 projected costs only include the individual’s fixed costs. These are the cost of the SLA and the Whole Life support services, not the whole tier package.

WLSLA and SLA have the same authorized total packages. The difference in the programs is that WLSLA combines the SLA service, and the community supports services. The WLSLA recipient may not access other agency community supports as they are provided by the WLSLA contractor.

Both the SLA and WLSLA recipient continue to receive fixed respite and flexible transportation and professional services as well as add-on employment services. There is a further difference in the budgeting of the flexible and fixed allocations (see FY24 Annual Funding Levels (Tier Packages) 10.4.23).

Please also refer to the table below for FY24 Whole Life SLA Tier Packages.

<b>FY24 Whole Life SLA Non-Self Direct Tier Packages</b>					
	<b>Tier A</b>	<b>Tier B</b>	<b>Tier C</b>	<b>Tier D</b>	<b>Tier E</b>
<b>Flexible Individual Budget</b>	\$32,656.64	\$30,807.76	\$39,744.76	\$35,688.96	\$47,408.08
<b>Fixed Budget</b>	\$74,847.12	\$83,054.96	\$92,934.64	\$119,852.64	\$130,193.28
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$107,503.76</b>	<b>\$113,862.72</b>	<b>\$132,679.40</b>	<b>\$155,541.60</b>	<b>\$177,601.36</b>

<b>FY24 Whole Life SLA Self Direct Tier Packages</b>					
	<b>Tier A</b>	<b>Tier B</b>	<b>Tier C</b>	<b>Tier D</b>	<b>Tier E</b>

<b>Flexible Individual Budget</b>	\$27,212.00	\$25,363.12	\$34,300.12	\$30,244.32	\$41,963.44
<b>Fixed Budget</b>	\$80,291.76	\$88,499.60	\$98,379.28	\$125,297.28	\$135,637.92
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$107,503.76</b>	<b>\$113,862.72</b>	<b>\$132,679.40</b>	<b>\$155,541.60</b>	<b>\$177,601.36</b>