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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Transmittal No. 5 June 22, 2005

To:

Maryland State Department of Education

Providers for the Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism Waiver Contacts

From:

Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director

Office of Health Services

Note:

Please ensure that appropriate staff members in your organization are

informed of the contents of this transmittal.

Re:

Fiscal Year 2006 Program Rate Increases

On July 1, 2005, payment rates will increase for certain services under the Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The regulatory authority for these changes can be found in COMAR 10.09.56 under regulation .22C(3) Payment Procedures. Payment rates affected by this regulation will be increased by 2.5 percent on July 1 of each year. **Providers may bill using the new rates for services provided on or after July 1, 2005.**

Please note that some waiver services are reimbursed in units of one hour and may not be rounded up to one hour for purposes of billing if less than one hour of service is provided. Additionally, please also be aware that provider travel time is not reimbursable by Medicaid.

Program fiscal staff will review billing documents for accuracy and authorization. Only services approved on the waiver participant's plan of care may be reimbursed. Documents with errors will be returned to the provider along with an explanation of the error. Payment for authorized waiver services covered under this program shall be considered as payment in full, and may not be supplemented by payment from other sources, such as the participant, family, a public program, or private agency.

Questions regarding this transmittal should be directed to Tia Waddy, Coordinator for the Waiver for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, at 410-767-5220.

Enclosure (1)

WAIVER FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Payment Rates Effective July 1, 2005

Service	Procedure Code	New Payment Rate
Residential Habilitation-Regular	Z9300	\$ 108.18 per day
Residential Habilitation-Intensive	Z9301	\$ 216.35 per day
Intensive individual support services	W9306	\$ 27.59 per hour
Therapeutic integration services	W9307	\$ 22.07 per hour
Respite care	W9314	\$ 21.54 per hour
Family Training	W9315	\$ 90.52 per hour
Supported employment	W9311	\$ 91.61 per half day

Other billing limitations apply, as specified in COMAR 10.09.56.