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HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) Nutrition Supports rate methodology under the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) program.

Effective Date: February 1, 2025.

The health care authority (HCA) intends to submit a rate methodology for nutrition supports services under MTP 2.0 - Section 1115 waiver. These services aim to remove barriers to healthy nutrition including nutrition counseling and education, medically tailored meals, meals or pantry stocking, fruit and vegetable prescriptions, and short-term grocery provisions.

Nutrition supports services is expected to *increase* the annual aggregate expenditures for providers by approximately \$50 million under MTP 2.0. Providers will be able to access medicaid waiver funds to provide nutrition support services.

The nutrition supports fee schedule is available for review at <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/mtp-nutrition-supports-fee-schedule.pdf>. HCA welcomes interested parties to submit comments and concerns about the rate methodology and/or the effects **no later than Friday, December 27, 2024**. Note: All comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

Please submit comments and concerns to Matt Christie, Health-Related Social Needs Manager, email matt.christie@hca.wa.gov, phone 360-725-2078, 626 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98501.