

WSR 25-02-076

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0011 Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)—Nursing Facility Methodology and Rate Update.

Effective Date: January 1, 2025.

Description: The health care authority (HCA) and the aging and long-term support administration (AL TSA) of the department of social and health services (DSHS) intends to submit SPA 25-0011 in order to increase assisted living facility and private duty nursing rates. SPA 25-0011 is expected to:

- Increase the assisted living facility daily rates by a weighted average of \$4.10 to a projected total weighted average of \$150.64, an increase of three percent.
- Increase the private duty nursing daily rate for clients in an adult family home by \$62.72 to \$898.95, an increase of eight percent.
- Increase the private duty nursing rate for clients not in an adult family home as follows:

Current Rate: Hourly	January 1, 2025 Rate: Hourly	Rate Change	Percent Change	Specific Type
\$61.72	\$67.88	\$6.16	10%	RN - Agency
\$50.72	\$55.80	\$5.08	10%	LPN - Agency
\$51.44	\$56.60	\$5.16	10%	RN - Individual
\$42.28	\$46.48	\$4.20	10%	LPN - Individual
Current Holiday Rate: Hourly	January 1, 2025 Holiday Rate: Hourly	Rate Change	Percent Change	Specific Type
\$92.56	\$101.84	\$9.28	10%	RN - Agency
\$76.08	\$83.68	\$7.60	10%	LPN - Agency
\$77.16	\$84.88	\$7.72	10%	RN - Individual
\$63.44	\$69.76	\$6.32	10%	LPN - Individual

The SPA is currently under development. You may request a copy and it will be sent as soon as a draft is completed. HCA and DSHS would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

Interested parties may submit comments and concerns about the rates or the effects the changes may have on beneficiary access to care or continued service access. Please submit comments and concerns to Elizabeth Pashley, regulatory advisor, at Elizabeth.pashley@dshs.wa.gov with a courtesy copy to Ann Myers, state plan coordinator, at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov by January 31, 2025. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

Contact Elizabeth Pashley, Office of Rates Management, ALTSA, DSHS, P.O. Box 45600, phone 360-995-2807, TRS 711, fax 360-725-2641, email Elizabeth.Pashley@dshs.wa.gov, website <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/management-services-division/office-rates-management>.