

WSR 23-03-012

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0011  
Provider and Facility January Rates - Supplemental Notice.

Effective Date: January 1, 2023.

Description: On December 29, 2022, the health care authority (HCA), in conjunction with the aging and long-term support administration (AL TSA) of the department of social and health services (DSHS), filed notice under WSR 23-02-039 of the intent to submit medicaid SPA 23-0011 to adjust agency providers and consumer directed employer rates based on negotiated increases and an estimated decrease in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) mileage reimbursement rate. At that time, the IRS has [had] not released the 2023 mileage reimbursement and the proposed rates were based on an estimated decrease from \$0.625 to \$0.59 per mile. Additional information has since been received. IRS mileage reimbursement for 2023 is increasing by 4.8 percent, or \$0.03 per mile.

In addition, the hourly rates specified in the previous notice are changing as noted below:

- Increase the hourly rate of agency providers by 1.6 percent (changed from 1.5 percent in the previous notice), an expected weighted average increase of \$0.56 (changed from \$0.26 in the previous notice); and
- Decrease the hourly rate of consumer-directed employers by 0.1 percent (changed from 0.3 percent in the previous notice), an expected weighted average decrease of \$0.04 (changed from \$0.12 in the previous notice).

SPA 23-0011 is in the development process; therefore, a copy is not yet available for review. HCA and DSHS would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy when it becomes available 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 the person named below. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

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