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Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 11:02 AM
To: Smith, Rick
Cc: Ahrens, Kristin; Beckman, Misti; Wahlman, Jason; Mochon, Julie
Subject: RE: [External] RE: April 2022 Rate Comment and Response Summary and Assumption Logs
Attachments: RE: [External] RE: April 2022 Rate Comment and Response Summary and Assumption Logs

Hello – I wanted to send an update as Julie provided clarification for #1 below shortly after I sent this email (attached). However, the selected fees for Remote CPS are based on the modeled ranges from June 2021 (wage range of \$12.78-\$24.08) and other assumption levels that are not consistent with the recent ID/A FY 21-22 refresh. **Kristin**, you noted below that you were looking to update the assumptions and modeled fee ranges to align with those from the ID/A FY 21-22 refresh. Please confirm if this is the case – if so, I'd like to touch base as this will require additional steps to model new fee ranges for these services.

Also, please provide information for #2 below to inform the AAW log updates when you can.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: [External] RE: April 2022 Rate Comment and Response Summary and Assumption Logs

Hi Rick –

In response to your request last week for assistance in this process, we did ask some questions and for ODP to provide the fees that will be going in place on April 1 so we could confirm that the correct service assumptions are matching the fee ranges/selected fees. We did not receive any feedback or the requested information from ODP so we went ahead and updated the logs for I/DA and AAW (matching the information in Julie's request below) in an effort to meet your 3/28 deadline.

1. There is confusion on the "Remote CPS/Day Habilitation" service since there are two services that are similar. We originally developed "CPS Remote" rates last summer with two levels based on staffing ratios (see attached June 2021 assumption log and fee ranges). We also developed rates for "CPS On-Call and Remote Support" for the ID/A FY 21-22 refresh we completed earlier this year.
 - a. Are these the same services or different services?
 - b. Which one is ODP implementing in the waivers (or both)?
 - c. If both, you can see that the timing of the fee development and assumptions are different.

2. Also, please confirm that both "Family Medical Support Assistance" **and** "Remote CPS/Day Habilitation" are **not** being added to

AAW.

- a. If this is the case, the original assumption log for AAW should not need any updates.

If ODP can share the added services and fees for April 2022 in each waiver, that would be helpful so we can resolve the miscommunication. Please let me know who we should connect with to obtain additional context for the request so we can adjust the logs as needed.

Thanks,
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Apologies, I am trying to coordinate this while on vacation. Please see Kristin comments below. I do not think we are adding remote CPS to AAW.

From: Ahrens, Kristin [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 4:56 AM
To: Yale, Jeremy [REDACTED] >; Mochon, Julie [REDACTED] >; Smith, Rick <[REDACTED]>
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I think Mercer missed the point – they were not just to consolidate the assumption logs but to update the assumptions with the data used this fall. From the wages, it doesn't look like they did that. Right?

Also, we are **not** adding · Added "Family Medical Support Assistance" (consistent with those Mercer provided to ODP in June 2021) to the AAW

Julie, I don't know about remote CPS in AAW. Are we adding it there too?

The CPS wages for Remote CPS should be the same as the recent update
Rick, this needs correction immediately so we can publish the April amendments and rates. Can you work with Holly or need me to?

From: Smith, Rick <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 8:44 PM

To: Mochon, Julie [REDACTED]; Ahrens, Kristin [REDACTED]; Yale, Jeremy [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: [External] RE: April 2022 Rate Comment and Response Summary and Assumption Logs

From: Brown, Holly M <holly.brown@mercer.com>

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 1:00:53 PM

To: Smith, Rick [REDACTED]

Cc: Wahlman, Jason <jason.wahlman@mercer.com>; Brown, Holly M <holly.brown@mercer.com>

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Hi Rick,

Attached please find the updated Assumption Log files for the ID/A Residential, ID/A Non-Residential and Adult Autism Waiver, revised to include the new April 2022 services as ODP requested below. The files are updated as follows:

1) **ID/A Non-Residential Log:**

- Added "Family Medical Support Assistance" (consistent with those Mercer provided to ODP in June 2021)
- Added "Remote CPS/Day Habilitation" (consistent with those Mercer provided to ODP in June 2021). We assumed that this service was different from the "CPS On-Call and Remote Support" service as both are listed in the attached log (see page 1 and page 19)
- *Note that we did not list the procedure codes for these two new services.*

2) **ID/A Residential:**

- Added "Medically Complex Life Sharing" (consistent with those Mercer provided to ODP in June 2021)
- Added "Transition to Independent Living payments" (consistent with the Life Sharing (over 30 hours per week on average) service for SIS Group 1, 2-person home, provided to ODP in February 2022)

3) **Adult Autism Waiver Log:**

- Added "Family Medical Support Assistance" (consistent with those Mercer provided to ODP in June 2021)
- Added "Remote CPS/Day Habilitation" (consistent with those Mercer provided to ODP in June 2021).

Please let us know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks,
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Hi,
If you could incorporate the below items into the existing rate assumption logs and get them over to us by the 28th, that would be swell.
Thanks

From: Mochon, Julie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2022 10:57 AM
To: Ahrens, Kristin <[REDACTED]>; Smith, Rick <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Yale, Jeremy <[REDACTED]>; Cipriani, Laura <[REDACTED]>
Subject: April 2022 Rate Comment and Response Summary and Assumption Logs

Hi Rick and Kristin. Please find attached for your review, the comment and response summary for rates impacted by the waiver amendments currently being reviewed by CMS. If we are trying to get the rates published in the Pennsylvania bulletin on 4/2, we should have this finalized by **COB 3/28** to have it available on the DHS webpage by Friday 4/1.

Other items that we need by **COB 3/28** are the finalized rate assumption tables. If Mercer could incorporate them into the rate assumption tables with all the other currently approved services, that would be ideal.

- Medically Complex Life Sharing and Transition to Independent Living payments in the [Residential Assumptions Log](#)
- Family Medical Support Assistance and Remote CPS/Day Habilitation in the [ID/A Select Community-Based Assumptions Log](#) and [Adult Autism Waiver Assumptions Log](#)

From: [Mochon Julie](#)
To: [Wahlman Jason](#); [Smith Rick](#)
Cc: [Brown Holly M](#); [Burgett Monica](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: April 2022 Rate Comment and Response Summary and Assumption Logs
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 10:35:57 AM

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Hello. To answer your questions, “on-call and remote support” is different than remote CPS. The former is mostly being on-call and only responding to an issue when needed. The latter, remote CPS, is active provision of services using remote technology.

The fee schedule rates that we plan to publish as final are below. I hope this provides the information you need. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Service Name	Staffing Level	Procedure Code	Statewide Fee	Enhanced Communication Statewide Fee
Medically Complex Life Sharing Needs Group 4	1-person home	TBD	\$435.94 (day unit)	\$501.33 (day unit)
	2-person home	TBD	\$274.00 (day unit)	\$315.10 (day unit)
Family Medical Support Assistance	1:1	TBD	\$18.41 (15-minute unit)	\$21.17 (15-minute unit)
Remote Community Participation Support/Day Habilitation	1:1 to 1:5	TBD	\$4.94 (15-minute unit)	\$5.68 (15-minute unit)
	1:6 and above	TBD	\$1.91 (15-minute unit)	\$2.20 (15-minute unit)
Transition to Independent Living Payment	First Payment	TBD	\$15,000 (paid when outcome achieved)	N/A
	Second Payment	TBD	\$15,000 (paid when outcome achieved)	N/A

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same services or different services? If they are the same service, then the non-residential ID/A assumption log already includes "CPS On-Call and Remote Support."

2. Can ODP share the updated fee schedule that will be effective 4/1/22 for these new services so we can confirm the assumptions that we add to the logs align with the fee range/selected fee?

Thank you,
Jason

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