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To: The parent or guardian of a child in the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is sending this letter to notify you of a change in the CLTS Waiver Program due to federal requirements. This letter is for your information only and requires no action on your part.

There is a change in how the rates (amount) paid for certain services and supports your child may receive are determined. Rates were previously negotiated between county waiver agencies and providers. Due to federal requirements, DHS now sets the rates for many CLTS services.

The federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) required DHS to develop statewide uniform rates for certain CLTS services. This change helps to provide consistent and fair rates and supports more equitable access for children with disabilities and their families.

Changing how rates are set for waiver services is not expected to result in changes to your child's CLTS Waiver Program eligibility, benefits, county waiver agency, assigned support and service coordinator, or any rights as a CLTS Waiver participant.

**The following services and supports will have the new standardized rates:**

Adult family home	Mentoring
Child care	Nursing Services
Community integration services	Respite
Counseling and therapeutic services	Support and service coordination
Daily living skills training	Supported employment
Day services	Supportive home care
Financial management services	Transportation

Your support and service coordinator (SSC) has already been informed of these changes. Waiver service providers are also receiving communications from us. Service plans will begin using the new rates by July 1, 2019. If there are changes to your parental payment liability, your SSC will be in contact with you.

## **Children's Long Term Support Waiver Program Rate-Setting Initiative Approach**

For more information, please visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hcbs/ratestructure.htm>. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact your support and service coordinator.

Sincerely,

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