



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT of HEALTH SERVICES

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Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program Rate-Setting Implementation

Operational Aid for County Waiver Agencies: Respite Day Rate

Summary:

This operational aid includes information to support county waiver agencies (CWAs) in understanding and implementing respite care day rates as part of Phase 2 of the CLTS Waiver Program Statewide Rate-Setting Initiative. Statewide maximum day rates for respite care supply CWAs an option to authorize respite care services in day units for services delivered to participants for an extended time period. This document provides clarifying information to authorize rates for greater amounts of respite care services.

CWAs must comply with the Phase 2 rate-setting requirements by January 1, 2020.

Purpose:

DHS has created a maximum day rate methodology for respite care so that CWAs have flexibility to authorize services in the most cost-effective manner.

Operational considerations in authorizing the respite care day rate:

- The “day rate” methodology can only be applied to respite care services.
 - The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is terminating day rates for other CLTS in-scope services effective 1/1/2020, including: supportive home care, children’s day services, and community integration services (CIS).
- The respite care day rate is allowable for authorizations of service amounts greater than 8 hours and up to 24 hours.
- CWAs have flexibility to choose to authorize respite care services in 15-minute increments for services delivered for greater amounts than 8 hours.
- Respite for more than 8 hours and less than 24 hours may not exceed the respite day rate amount unless there is an approved outlier.
- For institutional respite, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) establishes a day rate for DCF-licensed facilities; refer to DCF approved rates at <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ratereg>

Note: There are two new modifiers for institutional respite:

- TF is used for group homes and licensed shelter care settings.
- TG is used for RCCs and hospital-based settings.

CLTS Code Crosswalk, P-02283, and CLTS Interim TPA Service Authorization Guidance, P-02390:

- The source documents for the detail about the use of modifiers listed below are:
 - [CLTS Waiver Program Benefit Code Crosswalk \(P-02283\)](#), Coding Notes section.
 - [CLTS Waiver Program Interim Third Party Administration \(TPA\) Service Authorization Guidance for Statewide Uniform Rates \(P-02390\)](#).
- Refer to these documents for specific and up-to-date details about modifiers and other authorization details.