



## DAY/WORK UPDATE: PAYMENT RATES FOR CERTAIN DAY PROGRAMS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2020 December 18, 2020

On August 14, 2020, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) promulgated a new rate regulation, *101 CMR 455.00: COVID-19 Payment Rates for Certain Day Programs*, that established enhanced payment rates for various Day and Employment programs, subject to authorization by the Department.

As of December 1, 2020, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will no longer authorize reimbursement at the enhanced rates for Community Based Day Supports and Supported Employment Services. Rates for these services will revert to the standard rates established in *101 CMR 415: Rates for Community Based Day Support Services* and *101 CMR 419: Rates for Supported Employment Services*.

In recognition of current service delivery modalities that require enhanced staffing supports compared to pre-COVID service delivery, DDS is therefore authorizing changes in the assessed service level for individuals participating in these programs, as outlined in the table below. These service level changes apply to both in-person and virtual service delivery models, consistent with prevailing policies and authorizations on virtual service delivery. These service level and rate changes are effective December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. However, DDS reserves the right to review or revert these higher service levels at a later date dependent upon service utilization or substantive changes to the COVID-19 environment.

### I. **New Service Levels: 3163, 3168 and 3181**

Current service levels will be adjusted in EIM to the new service levels in accordance with the table below. Individuals will remain enrolled in their current contract, and payment rates will be updated for those contracts to reflect the new service level. ***Providers must continue to report attendance in EIM using the attendance status codes associated with the "current" service level.***

All in-person and remote/virtual services, delivered in accordance with allowable service delivery guidelines for Day/Work services, will be reimbursed at the new service level. Providers will be reimbursed at the same rate for both in-person and virtual/remote services, but are required to report attendance using separate attendance status codes as detailed in earlier DDS guidance.

**II. CBDS and Support Employment Service Level Crosswalk**

<b>Activity Code</b>	<b>Current Service Level</b>	<b>New Service Level (12/1/20 – 6/30/21)</b>	<b>New Rate In-Person (15 min)</b>	<b>New Rate Remote (15 min)</b>
3163 - Community Based Day Supports: 101 CMR 415.00	CBDS A	CBDS A	\$10.93	\$10.93
	CBDS B	CBDS I	\$7.75	\$7.75
	CBDS C	CBDS B	\$6.20	\$6.20
	CBDS D	CBDS B	\$6.20	\$6.20
	CBDS Z	CBDS I	\$7.75	\$7.75
3168 - Individual Supported Employment 101 CMR 419.00	ISE A: Initial Supports	ISE A: Initial Supports	\$12.97	\$12.97
	ISE B: Ongoing Supports	ISE A: Initial Supports	\$12.97	\$12.97
3181 - Group Supported Employment: 101 CMR 419.00	GSE Standard	GSE High Intensity	\$5.65	\$5.65
	GSE High Intensity	GSE High Intensity	\$5.65	\$5.65
	GSE 1:1	GSE 1:1	\$8.25	\$8.25
	GSE 1:3	GSE High Intensity	\$5.65	\$5.65

**III. 3285, 3664 and 3764**

DDS anticipates that Day Habilitation Supplemental services will be paid according to rates outlined in *101 CMR 424.00, Rates for Certain Developmental Support Services*, or related regulation, starting on December 1, 2020. Due to MassHealth’s expected position on Day Habilitation enhanced rates and per diem reimbursement, DDS plans to reimburse providers at the standard regulated rate/s for Day Habilitation Supplemental Services and maintain the 15 minute unit structure.

MassHealth is issuing guidance on rates of payment for Day Habilitation services provided after November 30, 2020. DDS will send an update to providers that contract with the Department for Day Habilitation and Facility Day Habilitation services after MassHealth’s updates are released.