



MRC FY21 Information

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EOHHS Service Provider Guidance

- On July 6, 2020, Phase 3 of re-opening began, allowing for in-person services.
- Providers include Day Programs, Community Based Day Supports (CBDS), Individual Supported Employment, VR Employment Services, Vehicle and Home Modification Services, Assistive Technology, etc.
- Each service provider must assess based on the EOHHS guidance if and how they will re-open and provide services. MRC does not have additional agency-specific guidance for providers.
- EOHHS Re-Opening Guidance: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-3-eohhs-day-programming-guidance>

FY21: Overview

- MRC is issuing 6 month contracts (July-Dec 2020)
 - Currently no budget is in place, so we need to remain flexible
- MRC is ensuring payment for services in July & August 2020
 - Contracts will include 'Settlement & Release' language for July & August (& *potentially a portion of Sept.*); therefore calculate accordingly.
 - *Settlement & Release language on a contract provides us (MRC) an opportunity to pay the Provider for services rendered from July 1, 2020 to anticipated contract activation date with a Provider invoice submission.*
- MRC is honoring in-person and/or remote services

FY21: Overview (cont.)

How you can bill at 100% of your contract for FY21:

- Rates are the same regardless if service is provided *in-person* or *remote*.
 - Billed in 15 mins. increments
 - Rates are different if services are provided at an individual level (vs. a group rate)
 - You have the flexibility to serve more individuals or provide additional units per individual service; not exceeding the cap
- Providers not delivering remote or in-person services cannot bill.

FY21 Day Program Payment Schedule

The Current Proposal for FY21 will have different variations:

- July Payment will include a Retainer/Administrative portion
- August & September will have a modified rate
- October & November will have a slightly modified rate
- December & onward the recommendation is to use the standard rate

Let's go through each proposal...

July includes Retainer Payment

50% Retainer/Administrative + Actual Service delivered: (July only)

July Payment includes:

- Administrative rate (*as identified in your authorization letter based on November 2019 – January 2020 actuals (monthly average)*)
- Actual In-person and/or remote services delivered in July

August & September 40% Rate Increase

40% Rate Increase: (Aug & Sept only)

- **August and September 2020** recognizes in-person capacity restrictions that maintain social distancing, while accounting for new costs for program start-up, transportation, and infection control.
- May be revisited or adjusted based on actual utilization.
- Provider will have units at a rate (40%) *above the standard rate* that can be billed for services rendered (in-person and/or remote).

October & November 25% Rate Increase

25% Rate Increase: (Oct & Nov only)

- **October and November 2020** recognizes in-person capacity restrictions that maintain social distancing, while accounting for new costs for program start-up, transportation, and infection control.
- May be revisited or adjusted based on actual utilization.
- Provider will have units at a rate (25%) *above the standard rate* that can be billed for services rendered (in-person and/or remote).

December onwards...

- December – onward: **Standard Rate for services delivered**
- MRC - with EOHHS - will continue reviewing this process in FY21

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