

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

### **Notice of Proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA)**

#### **SPA 19-W: Private Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Reimbursement**

The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) proposes to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

#### **Changes to Medicaid State Plan**

Based on the most recent versions of the draft state budget for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2020 and 2021 and actions to date by the General Assembly, it is anticipated that SPA 19-W will amend Attachment 4.19-D of the Medicaid State Plan effective on or after July 1, 2019, as follows.

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, there will be no rate increases, except if the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services provides, within available appropriations, pro rata fair rent increases for private ICF/IIDs which have undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent additions placed in service in cost report years ending September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 respectively.

Although budget proposals and implementing legislation are still pending in the General Assembly at the time this notice is being prepared and this proposal may be modified in whole or in part before adoption of the final state budget for SFY 2020 and 2021, federal regulations require DSS to submit public notice at this time. Accordingly, this SPA is subject to change, in whole or in part, as necessary to comply with the final approved state budget and implementing legislation for SFY 2020 and 2021.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Based upon preliminary estimates using the information that is available at this time, with the exception of normal allowable fair rent pass-through adjustments, it is anticipated that annual aggregate expenditures for payments to private ICF/IIDs will remain unchanged for State Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

#### **Obtaining SPA Language and Submitting Comments**

This SPA is posted on the DSS web site at this link: <http://portal.ct.gov/dss>. Scroll down to the bottom of the webpage and click on “Publications” and then click on “Updates.” Then click on “Medicaid State Plan Amendments”. The proposed SPA may also be obtained at any DSS field office or the Town of Vernon Social Services Department, or upon request from DSS (see below).

To request a copy of the SPA from DSS or to send comments about the SPA, please email: [Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov](mailto:Public.Comment.DSS@ct.gov) or write to: Medical Policy Unit, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, 9th Floor, Hartford, CT 06105 (Phone: 860-424-5067). Please reference: “SPA 19-W: Private ICF/IID Reimbursement”.

Anyone may send DSS written comments about this SPA. Written comments must be received by DSS at the above contact information no later than June 28, 2019.

**State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act  
State of Connecticut  
Methods for Establishing Payment Rates – Intermediate Care Facilities for  
Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)**

Facility Name	SFY 2014 Supplemental Payment
LARC - Bertoli Drive	\$5,351
Marrakech-Clinton Harbor	\$24,933
Marrakech-Englewood	\$5,581
Marrakech-Lyda	\$5,223
Marrakech-Wildwood Terrace	\$5,956
Pathfinders Assoc.-Bellevue Dr.	\$3,248
Pathfinders Assoc.-Franklin Street ICF/MR	\$3,191
Pathfinders Assoc.-Newman Home	\$3,130
RMS-Coppermill Road	\$6,009
RMS-Two Stone Drive	\$6,587
Thornfield Hall, Inc.	\$8,711
Tri-County ARC-Dunn Hill Rd.	\$5,743
Tri-County ARC-High Street	\$5,074

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, rates shall not exceed those in effect for the period ending June 30, 2015 except the rate paid to a facility may be higher than the rate paid to the facility for the period ending June 30, 2015, if the commissioner provides, within available appropriations, pro rata fair rent increases for facilities which have undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent additions placed in service in cost report years ending September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2015, and not otherwise included in rates issued.

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019, private ICF/IID rates shall remain unchanged, except if the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services provides, within available appropriations, pro rata fair rent increases for private ICF/IIDs which have undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent additions placed in service in cost report years ending September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2017 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2019 respectively.

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021, private ICF/IID rates shall remain unchanged, except if the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services provides, within available appropriations, pro rata fair rent increases for private ICF/IIDs which have undergone a material change in circumstances related to fair rent additions placed in service in cost report years ending September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021 respectively.

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