

CCH Rate Committee Meeting

05/09/2012

In attendance: Jeannine Pettinico, Mary Beth O'Neil, Peter Mason, Catherina Ohm, Kathy Calo

Absent: Carol Grabbe, Sheryl Kemp

Discussion involving LON to include Residential Service Rates:

Kathy Calo discussed the Residential Service Rate with Jim and utilizing the LON as one tool to replace the Residential Service Rate Check list. Jim was involved in determining the Residential Service Rates. Jim clarified that the language has to remain regarding the Residential Service Rates unless there is a change in the regulations. The LON does not match the CCH licensee's responsibilities. The Residential Service Rates apply to the supervision level a person needs for care. The process was very subjective in the use of this tool prior to the LON. If a licensee claimed they were going above and beyond in the rates that Service Rate Checklist would be changed according to the specific supervision the licensee gave to the individual. There would need to be back up proof to make such changes. Some unique situations were not reflected on the checklist. However, were evident in other ways, these circumstances would drive an increase in the stipend the licensee would be allowed. DSS rate is standard across the board and there is a small increase yearly for cost of living. In most cases the LON should match the Residential Service Rate. If the person is receiving more special support money then their LON allows, the Planning and Support team should be submitting a packet to URR. However, it not believed that all regions have done this.

Senior Supports:

The group discussed individuals wanting to retire from day programs and stay home. How would a licensee get reimbursed for an increase in the hours of supervision required?

Senior Supports continued:

Peter Mason brought up the possibility of the CCH model being an all inclusive rate, and therefore, that circumstance may already be covered in the LON rate. The group questions what an all inclusive rate is.

The group discussed the possibility of using day funding and a licensee utilized as a private hire. Not sure this is feasible, since the licensee is not considered an employee. It is tax free money and this scenario may be questioned with DSS Rates especially with the use of time sheets.

The group discussed the rates for a wrap around day program.

Is it possible to add a 4th rate to the RSR for this purpose? While this probably could not happen in the near future ☹️, we will be proactive and review with Jim Welsh to ask of the possibility and, what would be involved in doing so.

The waiver reimbursement a CCH gets is around 46.00 a day.

Compensation in a CCH type model in other states:

The group looked at shared living models in Pennsylvania; this appears to be an inflexible model and no upfront costs. There is a 1-8 ratio for agency oversight. The example is two people living in a home at \$36,000 per person per year. Other states were looked at and need to try and obtain more information in this area for comparison purposes.

Marketing the Program:

The group discussed marketing strategies; Jeannine shared advertisements that were used in previous years. The advertisements were hand drawn and put in a newspaper. They were very good. The statewide Regional Coordinators are looking into updating our DDS Web page. The group discussed going on a public network to advertise and possibly reaching out to magazines and newspapers.

Tasks:

Peter – Gather information for Senior Supports and the all inclusive language.

Kathy- Speak with Jim regarding the additional rate.

Kathy - Pull together all the regions LON's and Service Rates to compare.

Catherina - Gather some dates for a Massachusetts Road trip. Gather rate information in a similar shared living model.

Mary- Beth- Gather rate information from Maryland and Delaware.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Calo