



HCBS/TBI Waiver

Amendment to the Appendix K for the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waivers

Dear Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Providers:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved an amendment to the Appendix K for the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waivers on August 18, 2022. This Appendix K was amended to enact provisions of the CMS approved spending plan and narrative for Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

In response to the approved spending plan, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has implemented a workforce stability stipend for all direct service staff of Home and Community Support Services (HCSS) (Nurses and aides), Respite, Service Coordinators, Community Integration Counseling (CIC), Independent Living Skills Training (ILST), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Peer Mentoring (NHTD only), Substance Abuse (TBI only) and Structured Day Program (SDP) staff who provide(d) NHTD and TBI services during the Public Health Emergency (PHE).

The stipend shall be paid to all waiver service providers employing the staff indicated above in the amount of \$3,000, if hired prior to April 1, 2021, or \$2,500 if hired on or after April 1, 2021, to each direct service staff person the provider hires/hired and maintains/maintained that employee for thirty days or more throughout the PHE. An additional \$500 is to be paid for each employee fully vaccinated.

An additional stipend will be made to staff who were fully vaccinated to support a sufficient workforce to maintain services throughout the PHE in the amount of \$500. This is effective April 1, 2021.

These are retroactive one-time payments based on each providers approved disbursement plan(s).

These stipends will be automatically paid to your MMIS Provider ID(s) in eMedNY cycle 2387 with a check release date of June 7, 2023.

For specific billing questions contact eMedNY/GDIT directly at: 1-800-343-9000.

A copy of the approved Appendix K Application can be found here: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt90/2022/docs/2022-12-07_appendix_k.pdf

Any questions regarding the NHTD Waiver may be submitted to: nhtdwaiver@health.ny.gov

Any questions regarding the TBI Waiver may be submitted to: tbi@health.ny.gov

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