

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health Care Finance



Office of the Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director

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TO: All DC Medicaid Home Health Agencies

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DATE: December 30, 2024

SUBJECT: Reimbursement Rate Changes for Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), and Speech and Language Therapy (ST) effective January 1, 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to notify Home Health Agency (HHA) providers of the Department of Health Care Finance's (DHCF's) intent to submit an amendment to the State Plan for Medical Assistance to effectuate changes to the reimbursement rates for PT, OT and ST services provided by HHAs. DHCF, in accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 9903.8, 9904.8, and 9905.9 of Chapter 99 and Section 988 of Chapter 9 of Title 29 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, announces changes to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for home health physical therapy services, home health speech pathology and audiology services, and home health occupational therapy services provided to beneficiaries enrolled in the District of Columbia's Medicaid program.

Details

The HHA reimbursement rates are adjusted to reflect the increase made to the Paid Family Leave (PFL) Tax by DC Council through the *Fiscal Year 2024 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2024*. The Act increases the tax to 0.75% to expand the amount of leave available to 12 weeks of parental, family, and medical leave. Effective January 1, 2025, the PT, OT and ST Service rates will be increased by 0.13% to account for this change.

The changes to the rates will become effective **January 1, 2025**, per approval of the corresponding State Plan Amendment by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The District projects an increase in aggregate Medicaid expenditure of \$58.61 for fiscal year 2025, and federal Medicaid expenditure of approximately \$41.03 for fiscal year 2025.

The table below provides a listing of the billing codes and new rates for PT, OT, and ST services. The Medicaid Fee Schedule for the PT, OT and ST services is located on the DHCF website at: <https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/nonsecure/feeScheduleDownload>

Service Description	Procedure Code	Rate Effective January 1, 2025
Physical Therapy – Hourly	G0151	\$120.92 Per Hour, \$30.23 per 15 Minutes
Physical Therapy – Evaluation or Re-Evaluation	G0151-U4	\$120.92 Per Hour, \$30.23 per 15 Minutes
Occupational Therapy – Hourly	G0152	\$120.92 Per Hour, \$30.23 per 15 Minutes
Occupational Therapy – Evaluation or Re-Evaluation	G0152-U4	\$120.92 Per Hour, \$30.23 per 15 Minutes
Speech, Hearing and Language – Hourly	G0153-U4	\$120.92 Per Hour, \$30.23 per 15 Minutes

DHCF will continue to provide updates to this information as appropriate.

Contact

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DC Hospital Association
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DC Dental Society