

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SPA 19-G: 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 and Medicaid Services (CMS) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**Changes to Medicaid State Plan**

SPA 19-G will amend Attachment 4.19-D of the Medicaid State Plan effective on or after January 1, 2019 to provide privately operated intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) a Medicaid rate increase to cover costs related to increases in employee wages. This increase, which is anticipated to be a per diem rate add-on for each affected facility, as specified below, will support the provisions included in state statute in Special Act 18-5, which provides funding to support the following minimum wage requirements for employees of private ICF/IIDs:

- (1) Increasing the minimum wage of employees to not less than fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents per hour not later than January 1, 2019; and
- (2) providing a wage increase of up to five per cent to employees who earn not less than fourteen dollars and seventy-six cents per hour and not more than thirty dollars per hour not later than January 1, 2019.

The anticipated per diem rate add-ons are as follows:

<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Per Diem Add On</b>	
ABD	\$22.78	
Abilis	\$31.32	
Alternatives	\$53.96	
Benhaven	\$50.00	<i>estimated</i>
CIB	\$22.43	
CRI	\$21.03	
IPP	\$57.39	
LARC	\$50.00	<i>estimated</i>
Marrakech	\$55.30	
Pathfinders Assoc.	\$50.00	<i>estimated</i>
Thornfield Hall, Inc.	\$50.00	<i>estimated</i>
Whole Life, Inc.	\$16.25	

## **Fiscal Impact**

Based on estimates utilizing the most recent information that is available at this time, this SPA is anticipated to increase annual aggregate Medicaid expenditures by approximately \$1.7 million in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 and \$4.1 million in SFY 2020.

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

This SPA is posted on the DSS website at the following 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, at 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: [christoper.lavigne@ct.gov](mailto:christoper.lavigne@ct.gov) or write to: Christopher LaVigne, Office of Certificate of Need and Rate Setting, Department of Social Services, 55 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105-3730 (Phone: 860-424-5719, Fax: 860-424-4812). Please reference “SPA19-G: 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 December 27, 2018.

**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.

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Effective January 1, 2019, private ICF/IID providers shall receive the following rate increases. This Medicaid rate increase will provide funding to increase the minimum wage of employees to not less than fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents per hour and provide a wage increase of up to five per cent to employees who earn not less than fourteen dollars and seventy-six cents per hour and not more than thirty dollars per hour.

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