

Agency for Persons with Disabilities
Provider Information
Revisions to the Residential Habilitation Rates and Procedures Codes
Revised Effective Date: December 1, 2007

Implementation procedures for the changes to the Residential Habilitation rates for licensed facilities were revised October 22, 2007 based on stakeholder feedback. Providers and provider associations had requested additional time to plan for the rate changes and to make any necessary adjustments to their operations based on the rate differences. As a consequence, a new effective date of December 1, 2007 has been established for the Residential Habilitation rate revisions. Based on that effective date the revised rates and procedure codes will be implemented for the following services:

- Standard Residential Habilitation services, daily/monthly rate
- Behavior Focus Residential Habilitation services, daily/monthly rate

In addition to delaying the implementation date, APD has modified the rate levels in the rate table to provide more equity in the rate changes, and revised the methodology for the rate discounts. While some providers will still experience a reduction in rates, a graduated discount method, rather than the former straight per cent discount, was used to lessen the impact of rate reductions for people with more intense support needs. APD also modified the monthly billing procedure to reflect that individuals must be in the home 24 documented days during the month, rather than the previously stated 20 days for the monthly billing to occur.

Procedures Code changes will continue to be revised for the following service effective October 1, 2007.

- Intensive Behavioral Residential Habilitation services, daily rate

The procedure codes and rates for Residential Habilitation Live-in and quarter hour are not affected by these revisions.

Why is APD making this rate change?

APD is implementing these changes in order to implement the service limits and requirements set by the Florida Legislature in Chapter 2007-64 of the Laws of Florida amending Section 393.0661(3)(f)4 and 393.0661(3)(f)8, Florida Statutes as follows:

393.0661(3)(f)4 Establish limitations on Residential Habilitation services to 8 hours per day. Additional hours may be authorized for persons who have intensive medical, adaptive or behavioral needs.

393.0661(3)(f)8 Implement a consolidated residential habilitation rate structure to increase savings.

In amending and consolidating the Residential Habilitation daily rates the following goals were achieved:

- The rate revision complies with statutory requirements to limit residential habilitation services to 8 hours a day. Based on the revised and consolidated rate table, most individuals receiving this service will be served at the moderate rate that is benchmarked at 7 -8 hours a day. Individuals receiving rates at the extensive and intensive 1 level will be assessed during the next 2 months to assure that they meet the qualifications for services at this level.
- Consolidating the current rate matrix simplifies the rate system for this service. There are currently 720 available rates. The revised table eliminates the “site rates” by averaging the rates per hour per day, and collapses the rates into a total of 18 defined rate options that will be based on an individual’s support needs.
- The geographic rate differential has been evaluated resulting in a revised geographic differential of 4.5% for Areas 9, 10 and 11, and eliminating the exceptional geographic rate for Monroe County. (Geographic factor based on 2006 "Florida Price Level Index" published by the University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research.)
- A monthly rate has been established to simplify billing for providers. This was requested by providers in stakeholder meetings held to plan for the rate change.
- Discrete procedure codes have been established to better identify Behavior Focus and Intensive Behavioral residential habilitation services.
- This is the first step in rate revision for this service. Beginning in January all individuals receiving residential habilitation services in a licensed facility will be assessed. The assessment results will be calibrated with the rate structure and necessary changes in the descriptors and criteria will be made.
- This rate and procedure code change does not impact individuals who receive residential habilitation services at the live-in or quarter hour rate.

What are the new procedure codes?

New Procedure Codes for Residential Habilitation (day) services will be used for authorizing services and for billing purposes as follows: T2023U6SC

<u>Daily</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	
H0043 U6 SC	T2023 U6	Standard geographic and non-geographic
T2020 U6	T2023U6SC	Behavior Focus geographic and non-geographic
T2016 U6	XX	Intensive Behavioral

What are the new rates?

A. Rates are based on 365 days of operation for the licensed facility, with 350 possible billing days available.

- B. A provider can bill for a Behavior Focus rate only if the facility has been approved by the local Area office for Behavior Focus and the individual meets the criteria for that level of service.
- C. Geographic rate differentials are established for residential habilitation services that are provided in Areas 9, 10 or 11.

**Provider Rate Table
Residential Habilitation Services in a Licensed Facility
Effective December 1, 2007**

Residential Habilitation Services Daily - Monthly Rates								
Rate for Level of Supports	Without Geographic Factor				With Geographic Factor*			
	Standard Program		Behavior Focus**		Standard Program		Behavior Focus**	
	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate	Monthly Rate
Basic (Formerly 1 – 3 hrs/day)	\$39.66	\$1,156.75	Not Available	Not Available	\$41.44	\$1,208.67	Not Available	Not Available
Minimal (Formerly 4 – 6 hrs/day)	\$79.25	\$2,311.46	\$84.02	\$2,450.58	\$82.82	\$2,415.58	\$87.80	\$2,560.83
Moderate (Formerly 7 – 9 hrs/day)	\$118.92	\$3,468.50	\$126.08	\$3,677.33	\$124.27	\$3,624.54	\$131.75	\$3,842.71
Extensive (Formerly 10 – 12 hrs/day)	\$159.96	\$4,665.50	\$169.59	\$4,946.38	\$167.16	\$4,875.50	\$177.23	\$5,169.21
Intensive I (Formerly 13 or more hrs/day)	\$210.15	\$6,129.38	\$222.80	\$6,498.33	\$219.61	\$6,405.29	\$232.83	\$6,790.88

How will the new rates be applied?

- Each individual's approved and authorized Residential Habilitation Daily Rate as of September 30, 2007 will be amended to reflect the corresponding rate identified in the Level of Supports table above effective December 1, 2007.
- Once amended, all rates will remain constant unless (1) the individual experiences a significant change in condition or circumstance that indicates a different level of support is needed, or (2) the individual is assessed using the Agency approved assessment and a different rate level is indicated.

For example: If an individual's current approved rate is based on 6 hours a day in Area 4 and the provider is enrolled for standard residential habilitation services, the new rate will be \$2,311.46 a month. This amount appears at the "Minimal" level with former hours a day in the 4 – 6 range for a standard program without a geographic factor applied to the rate.

How do I bill the Monthly or Daily rates:

- A. The monthly rate must be used by the provider if the individual is in the facility 24 or more documented days during the month. The monthly rate cannot be used in conjunction with the daily rate in the same month.
- B. When an individual is admitted into or discharged from a facility during a month, the daily rate must be used for billing during the month of admission or discharge for the number of days the individual is present at the discharging and admitting facility respectively. When being admitted or discharged, the facility where the individual is present at 11:59 PM will bill for that particular day. The provider is advised to check with the individual's waiver support coordinator to assure that there is an allocation available for the daily rate. If not, the coordinator will have to establish a daily rate and allocation for the projected number of days the individual will be present during the admission or discharge month in the individual's cost plan and obtain Area office approval for the change.

If your service authorizations have changed to reflect the monthly residential habilitation procedure codes, T2023 U6 SC for behavior focus, or T2023 U6 for standard residential habilitation by the month, the correct number of units to bill for the month is 1 (one) unit. If you are using WINASAP to bill electronically, there is an example on the APD Web site: <http://apd.myflorida.com>

IF YOU BILL MORE THAN 1 UNIT USING THE CODES LISTED ABOVE, YOU WILL NOT BE PAID CORRECTLY.