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HOME choice ("Helping Ohioans Move, Expanding Choice")

demonstration program: reimbursement rates and billing
procedures.

The requirements set forth in this rule begin when the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) receives approval of the HOME choice demonstration program from the centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS), or upon the effective date of this rule, whichever is later. The requirements shall remain in effect through the duration of the HOME choice demonstration program.

- (A) Definitions of terms used for billing and calculating rates.
 - (1) "Base rate," as used in table A, column 3 of paragraph (B) of this rule, means the amount paid for up to the first four units of service delivered.
 - (2) "Billing unit," as used in table B, column 3 of paragraph (B) of this rule, means a single fixed item or amount of time.
 - (3) "Classroom rate" is the amount that HOME choice independent living skills training service providers are reimbursed when the service is provided in a classroom setting. The rate is equivalent to fifty per cent of the reimbursement rate set forth in paragraph (B), table (B) of this rule that is paid to a provider for furnishing HOME choice independent living skills training services to a single individual.
 - (4) "Classroom setting" is a situation in which a HOME choice independent living skills training service provider furnishes the same type of services to four or more individuals at the same address, during the same visit. The services provided in the classroom setting can be either the same type of HOME choice independent living skills training service, or a combination of HOME choice independent living skills training services and similar independent living skills training services.
 - (5) "Group rate," as used in paragraph (E)(1) of this rule, is the amount that HOME choice nursing providers, or HOME choice independent living skills training services are reimbursed when the service is provided in a group setting. The rate is equivalent to seventy-five per cent of the reimbursement rate set forth in paragraph (B), table (A) of this rule for HOME choice nursing services, and in paragraph (B), table (B) of this rule for HOME choice independent living skills training services that is paid to a provider for delivering the HOME choice nursing services or HOME choice independent living skills training services to a single individual.
 - (6) "Group setting" is a situation in which a HOME choice nursing, service provider, or a HOME choice independent living skills training service provider furnishes the same type of services to two or three individuals at the same address, during the same visit. The services provided in the group

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setting can be either the same type of HOME choice nursing service or HOME choice independent living skills training service, or a combination of HOME choice nursing services and similar nursing services, or HOME choice independent living skills training services and similar independent living skills training services.

- (7) "Maximum hours/days," as used in table B, column 6 of paragraph (B) of this rule, means the maximum number of hours or days that a HOME choice demonstration program service can be reimbursed either monthly or annually, and as set forth on the HOME choice demonstration program participant's all services plan, service plan, ISP or non-waiver HOME choice demonstration program service plan, as appropriate.
- (8) "Maximum hours per month," as used in table A, column 5 of paragraph (B) of this rule, means the maximum number of hours that a HOME choice demonstration program service can be reimbursed per month, and as set forth on the HOME choice participant's all services plan, service plan, ISP or non-waiver HOME choice demonstration program service plan, as appropriate.
- (9) "Maximum rate" means the maximum amount that will be paid for the HOME choice demonstration program service rendered.
 - (a) For the billing codes in table B of paragraph (B) of this rule, the HOME choice demonstration program maximum rate is set forth in column (4).
 - (b) For the billing codes in table A of paragraph (B) of this rule, the HOME choice demonstration program maximum rate is:
 - (i) The base rate as defined in paragraph (A) (1) of this rule, or
 - (ii) The base rate as defined in paragraph (A) (1) of this rule plus the unit rate as defined in (A) (10) of this rule for each additional unit of service delivered.
- (10) "Unit rate," as used in table A, column 4 of paragraph (B) of this rule, and in table B, column 5 of paragraph (B) of this rule, means the amount paid for each fifteen minute unit following the base rate paid for the first four units of service provided.

(B) Billing code tables.

Table A

Column 1	Column2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Billing code	<u>Service</u>	Base rate	<u>Unit rate</u>	Maximum hours

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				per month
HC001	HOME choice nursing provided by an RN	<u>\$56.65</u>	\$5.87	44 hours per month
HC002	HOME choice nursing provided by an LPN	<u>\$56.65</u>	\$5.87	44 hours per month

Table B

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
Billing code	<u>Service</u>	Billing unit	Maximum rate	Unit rate	Maximum hours/days
<u>HC003</u>	Independent living skills training	15 minutes	\$30.00	\$7.50	12 hours per month
<u>HC004</u>	Community support coaching	15 minutes	\$25.00	\$6.25	6 hours per month
HC005	Social work/ counseling services	15 minutes	\$64.12	\$16.03	3 hours per month
<u>HC006</u>	Nutritional consultation services	15 minutes	\$52.56	\$13.14	3 hours per month
HC007	Communication aids	Per item	A maximum of \$5,000.00 for all items	N/A	365-day demonstration period
HC008	Service animals	Per item	A maximum of \$8,000.00 for all items	N/A	365-day demonstration period
<u>HC009</u>	Community transition services	Per item	A maximum of \$2,000.00 for all items	N/A	Pre-transition and 365-day demonstration periods

(C) In order for a provider to submit a claim for HOME choice demonstration program services, the services must be provided in accordance with Chapter 5101:3-51 of the Administrative Code.

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(D) The amount of reimbursement for a service shall be the lesser of the provider's billed charge or the HOME choice demonstration program maximum rate.

(E) Required modifiers.

- (1) The "GS" modifier must be used when a provider submits a claim for HOME choice nursing services, or HOME choice independent living skills training services, if the service was delivered in a group setting. Reimbursement as a group rate shall be the lesser of the provider's billed charge or seventy-five per cent of the HOME choice demonstration program maximum for the specific service.
- (2) The "CS" modifier must be used when a provider submits a claim for HOME choice independent living skills training services if the service was delivered in a classroom setting. Reimbursement as a classroom rate shall be the lesser of the provider's billed charge or fifty per cent of the HOME choice demonstration program maximum.
- (3) The "N2" modifier must be used when the same provider submits a claim for HOME choice nursing services for a second visit to a participant for the same date of service.
- (4) The "N3" modifier must be used when the same provider submits a claim for HOME choice nursing services for three or more visits to a participant for the same date of service.
- (5) The "N4" modifier must be used when a provider submits a claim for HOME choice nursing services for a single visit that was more than twelve hours in length but did not exceed sixteen hours.
- (F) Reimbursement will be provided in accordance with paragraphs (A) to (D) of rule 5101:3-1-60 of the Administrative Code.

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