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TO: Medicaid HCBS AD & TBI Waiver Service Providers

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RE: AD & TBI Personal Care, LRI Personal Care, Respite, and Companion Rates

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Disability and Aging, is issuing this bulletin to notify agency and individual providers of service rate changes for the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities (AD Waiver) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver, effective January 1, 2027.

Effective January 1, 2027, the maximum reimbursement rate for Personal Care services provided by an agency provider will be $26.32. This applies to the following services:

- Personal Care – Agency
- TBI Personal Care – Agency
- LRI Personal Care – Agency

Effective January 1, 2027, the maximum reimbursement rate for Personal Care services provided by an individual provider will be $17.00. This applies to the following services:

- Personal Care – Independent
- TBI Personal Care – Independent
- LRI Personal Care - Independent

Effective January 1, 2027, the maximum reimbursement rate for Companion services provided by an agency provider will be $22.37. This applies to the following services:

- Companion – Agency
- TBI Companion – Agency

Effective January 1, 2027, the maximum reimbursement rate for Companion services provided by an individual provider will be $15.00. This applies to the following services:

- Companion – Independent
- TBI Companion – Independent

Effective January 1, 2027, the maximum reimbursement rate for Respite services provided by an agency provider will be $28.76 for 1:1 services. Reimbursement rates for respite services billed at the group rate will be reduced by 4%. This applies to the following services:

- Respite – Agency – In-Home
- Respite – Agency – Out-of-Home
- TBI Respite – Agency – In-Home
- TBI Respite – Agency – Out-of-Home

Effective January 1, 2027, the maximum reimbursement rate for Respite services provided by an individual provider will be $15.36 for 1:1 services. Reimbursement rates for respite services billed at the group rate will be reduced by 4%. This applies to the following services:

- Respite – Independent – In-Home
- Respite – Independent – Out-of-Home

Providers should review the fee schedules published for January 1, 2027, and billing guidance to ensure services furnished on or after January 1, 2027, are billed using the appropriate billing codes, modifiers, and rates. Additional information regarding fee schedules, billing requirements, and implementation guidance will be made available through DHHS provider communications and posted on the DHHS website.