




## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Medicaid HCBS Waiver Service Providers

FROM: Tony Green, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities 

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RE: AD & TBI Waiver Fee Schedule

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities, is issuing this bulletin to notify Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) HCBS Waiver for Aged and Adults and Children with Disabilities (AD Waiver) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver agency and independent providers of service rate changes effective July 1, 2026.

In accordance with 480 NAC 5 and the approved waiver authority contained in Appendix I-2(a) of the AD and TBI waivers, the State Medicaid Agency has the authority to establish reimbursement rates for waiver services. These rates were previously subject to negotiation between providers and the State.

Additionally, the federal Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services Final Rule (CMS-2442-F) requires states to publicly publish fee-for-service payment rates. Specifically, 42 CFR § 447.203(b)(1) requires transparency regarding Medicaid fee schedules and payment methodologies for covered services. As part of Nebraska's compliance with these requirements, DHHS is establishing and publishing standardized fee-for-service rates for applicable AD and TBI waiver services.

Effective July 1, 2026, maximum reimbursement rates have been established for the following waiver services:

- Chore
- Companion (meaningful rate range for new providers)
- Extra Care for Children with Disabilities (meaningful rate range for new providers)
- Home Again
- Independence Skills Building
- Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) Personal Care
- Personal Care (meaningful rate range for new providers)
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
- Respite

- TBI Companion (meaningful rate range for new providers)
- TBI Personal Care (meaningful rate range for new providers)

In addition, effective July 1, 2026, group service rates will be available for the following:

- Companion
- Respite
- Independence Skills Building
- Extra Care for Children with Disabilities, when provided in an eligible license-exempt setting
- TBI Companion
- TBI Respite

Providers should review the published fee schedule and billing guidance to ensure services furnished on or after July 1, 2026, 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. Providers are encouraged to review all related materials and direct questions to their resource developer or designated service coordinator.