

**To:** All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program  
**From:** Kevin Bagley, Director *KB*  
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**Re:** Provider Rate Increase due to Minimum Wage Rate Increases

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This provider bulletin is being issued to notify Medicaid providers of upcoming rate increases to comply with the new Minimum Wage of \$10.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2023.

During the 2022 general election, Nebraska voters passed Ballot Initiative 433 to increase the minimum wage across the state to \$15 an hour by 2026. To comply with the initiative, the following Aged & Disabled (AD) Waiver services will have rates increased to \$10.50 per hour effective January 1, 2023:

- Respite In-Home code 1113
- Disability Related Child Care In-Home code 2500
- Disability Related Child Care Out of Home code 9704
- Companion code 9510
- Personal Care code 5761
- Respite Out of Home code 7395

Subsequently, the quarter-hour rates for Basic Personal Assistance Services (PAS) under code 4475 will increase to \$2.63, effective January 1, 2023. Specialized PAS also under code 4475 will remain at \$2.81 per quarter hour.

If you are a provider that uses Electronic Visit Verification: The current authorization in your Netsmart account will be automatically updated and will be shown on a new line in your Administrator Console on the Prior Authorizations tab.

Visits scheduled on or after January 1 using the old rate or authorization must be deleted or edited. If you are creating a new visit, select the new authorization line and rate under add visit. To edit a visit, and all recurring visits that follow, you must choose the new authorization line in the Select Service Authorization section.

For more help deleting, editing, or adding visits, please go to: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Electronic-Visit-Verification.aspx>. Under the Provider Resources section open the [Admin User Guide](#) for deleting visits see page 63, updating or editing visits see page 59, and adding or scheduling visits see page 70.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Resource Developer.

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