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Caregiver compensation: Introduction and general information

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What is caregiver compensation?

Caregiver compensation is an ongoing service allowing parents, step-parents, legal guardians, and spouses who serve as caregivers for a qualifying family member with disabilities to be paid for providing extraordinary care. The new, ongoing program will start July 1, 2024.

Who is eligible for caregiver compensation?

Caregiver compensation is open to people receiving services through any Home and Community-Based (HCBS) waiver managed by DSPD. People on the waiting list who receive one-time respite services may be eligible for caregiver compensation depending on the type of program and available funding.

How does the program work?

This program adds another option within the package of DSPD services available to meet the person's needs. Other DSPD services can be used in conjunction with caregiver compensation as long as service times do not overlap. Caregiver compensation is available through both the provider and self-administered service models.

How do you decide how many hours a caregiver can be paid?

UCANS and/or CBIA assessments, medical/behavioral documentation, and other relevant documentation are to determine placement in 1 of 4 service categories, which determine the maximum number of hours a caregiver can be paid weekly. Changes to approved caregiver compensation categories must be requested and approved through the Request for Services (RFS) committee.

a. Category 1 - up to 10 hours weekly
b. Category 2 - up to 20 hours weekly
c. Category 3 - up to 30 hours weekly
d. Category 4 - up to 40 hours weekly

How much are caregivers paid?

Eligible caregivers will be compensated at the following rates and service codes:

a. **CMS**: Caregiver compensation - spouse (provider)- $6.85/quarter hour
b. **CMP**: Caregiver compensation - parent/guardian (provider)- $6.85/quarter hour
c. **CM2**: Caregiver compensation - spouse (SAS)- $6.23/quarter hour
d. **CM3**: Caregiver compensation - parent/guardian (SAS)- $6.23/quarter hour