

## ODP ICF Task Force Meeting - 7/19/22 - Questions Log

Q: Will we have access to a copy of Kristin's presentation? [Carol Ferenz] [cferenz@paproviders.org] [Q: 9:46 AM]

A - Yes, see email attachment

Q: thank you! [Carol Ferenz] [cferenz@paproviders.org] [Q: 9:47 AM]

Q: Will any incentives from ODP to accept residents from the State Centers transferring to the private ICF's exempt from offsetting cost on the cost reports? [William Harriger] [bharriger@verland.org] [Q: 10:43 AM]

A - No

Q: Could you give an example of how to enter an individual who attends more than one level or more than one type of day program? [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:48 AM]

A - On a single line, an individual may have days reflected in multiple columns if they attended multiple programs throughout the year.

NOTE: Subsequent to the meeting, ODP revised the form to use 15-minute units instead of days and made columns 4 through 11 not applicable for FY 2021-2022. See attached file 'Revised Beneficiary Acuity page\_7.20.22.pdf' for illustration.

Q: What if you do not have a current ID-47 and have only been standard for the last several years? [Rosemary Dobbs] [rdobbs@stepbystepusa.com] [Q: 10:49 AM]

A - If your facility has been operating on a Standard rate, you are not subject to the comparison to budget provision and therefore may leave the table containing the ID-47 data blank. (ODP will add a check-box to Tables 2.A, 3.A & 4.A to indicate this.)

Q: Which rate should be entered for an individual attending more than one level of day program. [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:50 AM]

A - As noted in the column heading, you should use the highest rate that was billed for that individual.

REVISED PROCEDURE FOR DAY PROGRAM FEES - Beneficiary Acuity tab, Column 10  
The purpose of this column is to attempt to calculate the Market Rate for Related Party Day Program services using the HCBS fee schedule. Following the meeting, ODP decided if you were billed internally at the HCBS fee schedule rates, then you DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THIS COLUMN. We will make changes to the form to permit you to indicate that.

Furthermore, ODP revised the form to use 15-minute units instead of days and made columns 4 through 11 not applicable for FY 2021-2022. See attached file 'Revised Beneficiary Acuity page\_7.20.22.pdf' for illustration.

Q: For day program, does it matter if the individual attends partial or full days? [Susan Klingensmith] [sklingensmith@merakey.org] [Q: 10:50 AM]

Q: I was questioning because since they are going to start comparing to SIS scores, etc., for waiver, they pay higher residential rate if only partial day for day program. [Susan Klingensmith]

[sklingensmith@merakey.org] [Q: 10:52 AM]

A - I suspect you may be able to enter .5 for a Partial day and 1.0 for a full day but will confirm.

Follow up: The instructions provided by Mercer do not address partial days. Subsequent to the meeting, ODP revised the form to use 15-minute units instead of days, consistent with the HCBS waiver fee schedule. Also, to give providers more time to prepare for this level of reporting, ODP

made columns 4 through 11 not applicable for FY 2021-2022. See attached file 'Revised Beneficiary Acuity page\_7.20.22.pdf' for illustration.

Q: Can you share the questions please? [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:50 AM]

A - Yes, via this document & email.

Q: it appears there is a major change in the calculation of the [Budget vs Actual] 10% limitation. Can you clarify. Previously the settlements only applied to cost center totals. [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:52 AM]

A - We looked at some examples and it had no impact, but we will review again and let you know. Subsequently, we prepared a hypothetical (albeit unrealistic) example, which did generate an adjustment which would not have occurred using the old methodology. (See Budget Adjustment Illustration.pdf)

Q: Will we be able to revise the MOF and budget mod submissions for FY 21-22 if it is being applied differently than all prior years and has an impact? [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:55 AM]

A - Subsequent to the meeting, ODP has decided to permit providers to submit another Budget Modification/Adjustment for FY 2021-2022 up until the cost report due date, but ONLY TO MOVE FUNDING WITHIN A COST CENTER, meaning a reclassification up and down the same column. This will permit you to make corrections necessary to remedy problems created by this methodology change.

Q: Regulation 6211.16 permits the Department to apply a cost of living adjustment to the interim per diem rate during the rate development process. Inflation is currently at 9.1%, a 40 year high. In light of these extraordinary circumstances, will the Department approve COLA requests in FY 22/23. [Thomas Crofcheck] [Tcrofcheck@melmark.org] [Q: 10:52 AM]

A - No

Q: Thanks Pam, we would love to have it as well. These costs are necessary, allowable, and unavoidable. Approving a COLA would save a lot of paperwork. [Thomas Crofcheck] [Tcrofcheck@melmark.org] [Q: 10:55 AM]

Q: Thank you Rick for your support [Thomas Crofcheck] [Tcrofcheck@melmark.org] [Q: 10:56 AM]

Q: How does the FY21/22 Budget forms feed into the cost report? or does it not? [Asha Merlina] [amerlina@merakey.org] [Q: 10:53 AM]

A - It does not. Presently the ID-47 does not connect to the ID-46 electronically. You will need to re-enter or copy/paste the data from your final ID-47 into your ID-46.

Q: I understand the state centers are starting staff at level 3 of the state union contract after their probationary period due to the ongoing workforce crisis. Will waiver request for DSP wages that also start at this wage scale be approved in FY 22/23? [Thomas Crofcheck] [Tcrofcheck@melmark.org] [Q: 10:57 AM]

[Note: Bill Harriger later stated that State Centers are hiring DSP's starting at step 4 on the pay scale and LPN's & RN's at step 10.]

A - ODP will look at waiver requests on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Can there be another ODP meeting when the forms are released? [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:57 AM]

A - That is a good idea that we were already considering.

Q: Ok, thanks [Mary Anne Haschert] [mahaschert@aztacinc.com] [Q: 10:58 AM]

Q: Another meeting is a good idea for cost report. Not all of my staff responsible for cost report are on this call. [Susan Klingensmith] [sklingensmith@merakey.org] [Q: 10:59 AM]

Q: Thank you [Thomas Crofcheck] [Tcrofcheck@melmark.org] [Q: 11:00 AM]

Q: thought the 100k incentive applied to accepting transfers [William Harriger] [bharriger@verland.org] [Q: 11:07 AM]

A - The \$100K incentive is for Start Up costs for HCBS waiver program only.

Q: Comment - I think we will continue to have staffing shortages as long as the mask, etc. mandates are in place as people can get jobs paying as much or more and not have to follow those mandates. [Susan Klingensmith] [sklingensmith@merakey.org] [Q: 11:25 AM]

A - Dr. Cherpes acknowledged that situation and people being tired of masks, but reiterated that when caring for such a vulnerable population, precautionary measures must continue.

Q: Could we discuss any efforts that DHS is making toward assisting the staffing shortages? [Carol Ferenz] [cferenz@paproviders.org] [Q: 11:11 AM]

Q: Public campaign to encourage workers to become interested in the field? Working with colleges, high schools? [Carol Ferenz] [cferenz@paproviders.org] [Q: 11:12 AM]

[Carol also spoke about the support the Governor is giving to the shortage of teachers and asked if something could be done about the shortage of direct care workers in this field.]

A - Kevin stated he would bring it up at a future meeting with Kristin to see if there is something we could get started.

Q: Any information on whether the CMS vaccine mandate will be discontinued/relaxed? [Anne Machmer] [amachmer@marthalloyd.org] [Q: 11:12 AM]

A - (Dr. Cherpes)

#### Post Meeting Questions Received from Mary Anne Haschert re: Day Program Days:

1. Day program was recorded by days for years, and then we had to switch over to 15-minute units. Is there a reason why we are going to back to days? And we also need clarification of what a day means--if someone goes for two hours, does that count as a day, same as someone who attends for six hours? We will likely have to calculate a conversion from units to days for at least some.

A - Mercer designed this form to pull statistic data from throughout the cost report to the front. These particular columns correlate to the lines which were at the bottom of the Sch 12-HC(A) before. ODP had those lines on the previous year cost report so that we were aware of basic facts surrounding Day Program which should be considered when comparing costs between facilities or between fiscal years.

Subsequent to the meeting, ODP revised the form to use 15-minute units instead of days, consistent with the HCBS waiver fee schedule, which will eliminate the concerns raised. Also, to give providers more time to prepare for this level of reporting, ODP made columns 4 through 11 not applicable for FY 2021-2022. See attached file 'Revised Beneficiary Acuity page\_7.20.22.pdf' for illustration.

2. It appears that ODP is defining market rate as its own fee schedule, is that correct?

A - Yes.

Since many related-party Day Programs bill internally to their ICF's at the same rate as the HCBS waiver fee schedule, ODP added a question to the form where providers could indicate that. We decided if the billing was at the fee schedule rates, there is no need to perform the market rate test on the cost report. See attached file 'Revised Beneficiary Acuity page\_7.20.22.pdf' for illustration of these changes.

3. Does any of the day program statistical detail section link to anything else in the cost report?  
A - The Day Program Summary lines 1 through 8 in Section II do not flow anywhere else in the cost report. The number of residents who attend either contracted or in-house Day Programs is used by ODP to analyze and compare Day Program costs.  
Line 2 was revised by ODP to pull Total # ICF residents attending contracted day programs from Schedule 12-HC(A).
4. Is Schedule 12-HC (A) remaining the same, and the additional info discussed today, on the statistical schedule?  
A - The lines that were at the bottom on Schedule 12-HC (A) were moved to this Beneficiary Acuity worksheet and are not duplicated. See attached 'Schedule 12-HC\_A Draft.pdf' for a printout of the schedule as it currently stands.