

Health Home Happenings

Helpful information and tips for success for Iowa's Health Homes

July 2021

Health Home Updates

[INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2220-MC-FFS](#) Integrated Health Home (IHH)
Documentation Of Eligibility Requirements

[INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2223-MC-FFS](#) Integrated Health Home Per Member
Per Month Change.

[INFORMATIONAL LETTER 2227-MC-FFS](#) Integrated Health Home Billing

[INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO 2244-MC-FFS](#) Resumption of In-Person Assessments
and Service Plan Monitoring

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<https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/IMPA/Information/Bulletins.aspx>

Site Visits

IME will be completing site visits beginning in September for the Integrated Health Homes.

Habilitation Update

- HCBS Habilitation Eligibility and Home-Based Habilitation Criteria (estimated implementation 11/01/2021)
 - Rules were noticed Wednesday June 16 for public notice through July 6, 2021
 - SPA 21-0010 was posted for public comment June 30, 2021 through July 29, 2021
 - LOCUS/CALOCUS implementation – Meetings have been occurring with Deerfield Solutions re the LOCUS online and Assessor Training.
 - Training will be developed re the Habilitation eligibility criteria, Home-Based Habilitation (HBH) Provider Training requirements, HBH service criteria, Person Centered Planning using the LOCUS/CALOCUS
 - Training is anticipated for the Fall in advance of Go Live November 1, 2021
- HCBS Habilitation Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment (SE)
 - Provider qualifications, Service Scope, Reimbursement methodology
 - Rules were posted for public comment 05/14/21-06/08/2021

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HF891 Appropriations- Administrative Rules in process

- To increase the reimbursement rates and upper rate limits for providers of Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver and HCBS Habilitation services beginning July 1, 2021 by 3.55 percent over the rates in effect on June 30, 2020.
 - To increase the monthly caps on the total monthly cost of HCBS waiver services and Habilitation by 3.55 percent over the caps in effect on June 30, 2020.
 - To increase the monthly cap on HCBS Supported Employment and ID Waiver Respite services by 3.55 percent over the caps in effect on June 30, 2020.
 - To increase annual or lifetime limitations for Home and Vehicle Modifications and Specialized Medical Equipment by 3.55 percent over the limitations in effect on June 30, 2020.

Revisions to 441 -Chapter 79 to add the Inflation factor limitation.

Revisions to 441- Chapter 79 to implement the fee schedule rate in effect July 1, 2021 for air ambulance providers. HF 891 appropriates funds to increase air ambulance rates to \$550.00 per one way trip.

Revision to 441-Chapter 79 to implement the Home Health Agency LUPA rate

Revisions to 441-Chapter 79 to increase PMIC provider specific fee schedule rate by 52% over the rates in effect June 30, 2021. HF 891 appropriates \$3.9 million to increase non-state owned PMIC provider rates over the rates in effect June 30, 2021.

Supporting Integrated Community Employment

Iowa's Employment Vision

“Employment in the general workforce is the first priority and the expected and preferred outcome in the provision of publically funded services for all working age Iowan's with disabilities.”

Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment

IPS supported employment helps people living with behavioral health conditions work at regular jobs of their choosing. Although variations of supported employment exist, IPS (Individual Placement and Support) refers to the evidence-based practice of supported employment. A key principle of IPS SE is Integration of rehabilitation and Mental Health Services. IPS teams are closely integrated with mental health treatment teams and people will have the coordinated supports that they need.

- Employment is Integrated with the Mental Health Treatment Team
- IPS is the Employment-1st Approach for adults with Serious Mental Illness
- IPS is a Zero Exclusion/ Person Centered Approach

DHS is a recipient of the Department of Labor's Office of Disability and Employment "Advancing State Policy Integration for Recovery and Employment" also known as the ASPIRE grant. A primary goal of this project is to "stand up" (fully implement) 3 new IPS teams/sites, geographically distributed throughout Iowa, who will serve a sufficient client population to have a baseline IPS fidelity review completed near the end of this project or shortly thereafter.

IHHs play a critical role in supporting individuals with serious mental illness. A key component of recovery is life in the community, this includes pursuing and obtaining employment. IHHs should be actively working within their teams to establish procedures that promotes vigorous collaboration and communication with community employment service providers in the support of individuals with serious mental illness seeking employment. Some examples of how IHHs are supporting members in the pursuit of employment today includes regular ongoing meetings between the IHH team and employment service provider teams to address the employment needs of members, providing meeting space for the teams and members to meet to discuss employment outcomes and strategies. These teams are also providing outreach and meeting with local employers to discuss the benefits of hiring people with serious mental illness

What can you do?

- Discuss the benefits employment as part of the person-centered service planning training for your IHH teams.
- Develop a team based approach to member engagement including engaging the whole IHH team in supporting members in pursuing integrated community employment.

- Engage the employment service providers in your community in developing a team based approach to supporting members in pursuing integrated community employment.

Tools for Health Homes

Coming Soon:

Health Home Self-Assessment Tool: This tool will assist you with ensuring you have policies and procedures that meet the SPA requirements. The Integrated Health Home is with a Health Home Workgroup being reviewed.

Health Home Manual: This document will assist the Health Home in understanding program requirements. The Integrated Health Home is in draft form.

Improved Websites: This will assist Health Homes to find tools, training, and requirements as well as IME meeting agenda and minutes.

Community Connections Supporting Re-entry document: The hyperlinks are being fixed.

Workgroups

We will be sharing information for IHH in the quarterly Director's meeting instead of in a separate October Workgroup Meeting.

Listening sessions around PMPM will be in September with PMPM Workgroup meetings in October and December.

Health Home Spotlight

If you would be willing to share your success story, we would love to add it to our spotlight! Email the Health Home email Healthhomes@dhs.state.ia.us.

Updated Learning Collaborative Series for 2021

Health Home Collaborative Learning Network

Date	CCHH Topic	Presenting MCO
Aug 16	Person-Centered Planning Philosophy	ITC
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5035831836736082191		
Sept 29	All day	All
Nov 15	Grievance, Appeals, Member Rights, and Guardianship	MCOs & TBD
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2519292712826607375		
Dec 20	Member Benefits and Community Resources- navigating VABs, rewards program, vision, transportation, dental, and community resources	ALL
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8648328966840702735		
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