



March 13, 2025

Attn: All Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) And Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Providers

Dear Administrator,

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is committed to improving the efficiency and uniformity of Medicaid billing practices across the state. As part of this effort, we will be preparing to implement a change in the billing process for Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) & Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver providers.

This update is necessary to align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) waiver billing requirements which stipulate that claims must be billed to the locator based on the county in which services were provided; currently claims are billed to the locator based on the participant's county of fiscal responsibility. This change will also standardize billing locator codes/counties for all NHTD and TBI Waiver providers statewide and change NHTD Home and Community Support Services (HCSS) provider billing from one rate code for all HCSS regions to one rate code for each HCSS region; five in total, to align with TBI HCSS billing.

Providers will not yet be able to bill to these new county locator codes. The tentative effective date is July 1, 2025. Once all provider rate codes have been successfully transitioned to the new county locator codes in eMedNY we will send out new billing guidance and instructions as well as schedule a webinar.

We will transition the rates by RRDC region and as we do each NHTD and TBI provider will receive auto-generated system letters. Providers should carefully review these letters to confirm that the correct rate codes have been loaded to the correct county locator codes (attached) per your approved NHTD or TBI application.

The five new NHTD HCSS rate codes that you should be confirming you receive based on your approved service counties (in lieu of 9795) are:

Table with 2 columns: Rate Code and Description. Rows include 9744 (NYC Region), 9745 (Long Island/Westchester), 9746 (Rockland), 9747 (Rest of State), and 9748 (Rural).

We appreciate your cooperation in this important transition. If you find errors or have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Division of Finance & Rate Setting (DFRS) at our shared mailbox 1915CR@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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Office of Health Insurance Programs
Division of Finance & Rate Setting
Mental Hygiene Rate Setting