## June 30, 2022

## Public Notice of Department of Mental Health Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Provider Rate Increase

1. Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2022, the MO State Legislature has authorized the following increases:

• Provider rates for individuals receiving services in the categories of residential, non-residential and other Home and Community-Based Services may be granted an increase or decrease in their rate due to rate standardization money that was granted by the General Assembly. Rate increases or decreases will be implemented to align with the state fiscal year 2024 upper bound market-based rate developed by the Department of Mental Health in conjunction with Mercer Rate study as of January 1, 2022. Rate changes will be implemented on an individual basis upon approved rate methodology in the Comprehensive Waiver, Community Support Waiver, Partnership for Hope Waiver, and Missouri Children with Developmental Disability Waiver. The MHD estimates a total cost of \$421,133,846.05 (\$2,614,558.75 state funds and \$418,519,287.30 federal funds) in expenditures as a result of this change.

For specific questions about specific services in these waivers, contact the Department of Mental Health.

Comments may be sent by regular mail, express, or overnight mail, in person or by courier within 30 calendar days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division 615 Howerton Court Jefferson City, MO 65109 Attention: MHD Director

Comments may also be emailed to <u>Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov</u>. Please use "FY22 DMH HCBS Rate Increase" in the subject line.

- 3. A copy of the proposed reimbursement adjustment is available for public review on the <a href="mailto:DSS/MHD website">DSS/MHD website</a>, by contacting the DSS/MHD at <a href="mailto:Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov">Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov</a>, or by going to any Family Support Division Office.
- 4. No public hearing will be held.