

PAYMENT FOR SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

A. GENERAL APPLICABILITY

Payment for Supported Employment Services will be limited to the fee schedule developed by the State.

B. DEFINITIONS

“Full Month of Service” means a provider delivered a service in a Supported Employment program to the same beneficiary on at least 4 separate days in a month. At least 3 of the services must have been face-to-face with the beneficiary. Other services may be collateral contacts. If a provider delivered a face-to-face service and a collateral contact on the same day, it is counted as two separate days.

“Home Health Agency Market Basket Index” means the IHS Global Inc. CMS Market Basket Index Levels for Home Health Agencies.

“Partial Month of Service” means a provider delivered a service in a Supported Employment program to the same beneficiary on at least 2 separate days in a month. At least 1 of the services must have been face-to-face with the beneficiary. Other services may be collateral contacts. If a provider delivered a face-to-face service and a collateral contact on the same day, it is counted as two separate days.

“Supported Employment” means a bundle of services as defined in Attachment 3.1-L of the Alternative Benefit Plan.

C. SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PAYMENT METHODOLOGY

1. The State establishes a county-based bundled rate for a Full Month of Service and a county-based bundled rate for a Partial Month of Service. Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, the State-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The county-based bundled rates effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2025, July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, are posted to the following webpage: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/medi-cal-behavioral-health-fee-schedules.aspx>.
2. The State pays all providers of Supported Employment Services the county-based bundled rate for each Full Month of Service and Partial Month of Service based upon the county where the provider is located.

3. The county-based bundled rate for Supported Employment Services is paid for the following service components:
 - Pre-employment services
 - Employment sustaining services
4. The July 1, 2025 fee schedule will be equal to the January 1, 2025 fee schedule increased by the percentage change in the Home Health Agency Market Basket Index from 2025 Quarter 1 to 2025 Quarter 3.
5. The State will annually increase the July 1, 2025 fee schedule by the percentage change in the four-quarter average Home Health Agency Market Basket Index and post to the following webpage: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/medi-cal-behavioral-health-fee-schedules.aspx>.