

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**



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***UPDATE TO SUD RESIDENTIAL – WOMEN WITH CHILDREN PROGRAM
REIMBURSEMENT STRUCTURE***

In recent collaboration between the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and DBH-Certified Level III.1, Level III.3, Level III.5 and Level III.7-WM. Residential Providers, the reimbursement rate structure for the *Residential Treatment, Room & Board* rate, *H0043 and Residential Treatment, Room & Board, Woman w/Child (number of children 1-4) H0043 (UN, UP, UQ, UR)* was assessed. Providers certified at these Levels of Care (LOC) demonstrated the operational necessity for a higher rate for pregnant mothers and mothers who are in the reunification process and do not have their children enrolled in the program throughout mother’s entire stay.

Effective **October 1, 2017**, DBH has agreed to the following reimbursement schedule for Women, Women with Children, and Pregnant Women enrolled in a SUD Residential program at **Level III.1 Clinically Managed Low Intensity Residential, Level III.3 Clinically Managed Population-Specific High- Intensity Residential, Level III.5 Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential (Adult) and Level III.7-WM Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management** (please see table below).

Affected providers remain responsible for monitoring their existing practices and evaluating the sufficiency of their documentation to ensure appropriate billing.

Residential Room & Board claims for Women with or without Children, or Pregnant Women, submitted with a service date of October 1, 2017 or after to DBH shall be reimbursed at the aforementioned rate structure.

If you have any questions about this bulletin or the table described below, please contact your agency’s assigned Network Development Specialist, or Venida Hamilton, Director, Network Development at (202) 671-3155

SERVICE	CODE	RATE per UNIT	UNIT	CHANGE
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Residential Treatment, Room & Board	H0043	\$72.90	Per Diem	This rate becomes effective on the 15 th day of stay, if no regular visitation or placement of child occurs within the first 14 days the woman is housed in the program;
				Women may remain in Women/Child program at the \$72.90 rate per unit, based on the provider and woman's mutual agreement.
Residential Treatment, Room & Board Woman w/1 Child AND Pregnant Women*	H0043UN	\$210.00	Per Diem	DBH will reimburse at the \$210 rate per unit for the first 14 days, beginning the date the woman is housed in the program without child;
				If regular visitation or placement of child with Women has not occurred within the first 14 days and no plan is put in place for the visitation or re-unification to take place, DBH will reimburse the providers at the \$72.90 rate per unit starting on the 15 th day;
				If regular visitation is initiated or placement of child with Women occurs in the program after the 14 days, DBH will reimburse at the \$210 rate per unit on the first day that the child visits the mother or becomes enrolled into the program. Regular visitation schedule must be presented and maintained in order to be reimbursed for \$210 per unit if the child does not reside in the program on a full-time/regular basis.
*rate for pregnant women effective upon emergency rulemaking no later than November 15, 2017.				
Residential Treatment, Room & Board Woman w/2 children	H0043UP	\$215.00	Per Diem	DBH will reimburse at the \$215 rate per unit, starting the day both children become enrolled into the program and maintain full-time/regular residence within the program or a consistent regular visitation schedule/plan is instituted and maintained.
				DBH will reimburse at the \$210 rate per unit within the first 14 days, beginning the date the woman is housed in the program without the children;
				If the children have not been reunified with the mother within the first 14 days, reimbursement rate will be decreased to \$72.90 on the 15 th day until the reunification or initial visitation occurs.

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				DBH will reimburse the provider at the rate of \$215 once regular scheduled visitation begins with mom and <u>both</u> children or the children maintain full-time/regular residence with the mother. Regular scheduled visitation and/or specific visitation schedule must begin or be instituted within 14 days.
Residential Treatment, Room & Board Woman w/3 children	H0043UQ	\$220.00	Per Diem	DBH will reimburse at the \$220 rate per unit, starting the day all three children become enrolled into the program and maintain full-time/regular residence within the program or a consistent regular visitation schedule/plan is instituted and maintained.
Residential Treatment, Room & Board Woman w/3 children – (cont'd)				DBH will reimburse at the \$210 rate per unit within the first 14 days, beginning the date the woman is housed in the program without the children;
				If the children have not been reunified with the mother within the first 14 days, reimbursement rate will be decreased to \$72.90 on the 15 th day until the reunification or initial visitation occurs.
				DBH will reimburse the provider at the rate of \$220 once regular scheduled visitation begins with mom and <u>all three</u> children or the children maintain full-time/regular residence with the mother. Regular scheduled visitation and/or specific visitation schedule must begin or be instituted within 14 days.
Residential Treatment, Room & Board Woman w/4 children	H0043UR	\$225.00	Per Diem	DBH will reimburse at the \$225 rate per unit, starting the day all four children become enrolled into the program and maintain full-time/regular residence within the program or a consistent regular visitation schedule/plan is instituted and maintained.
				DBH will reimburse at the \$210 rate per unit within the first 14 days, beginning the date the woman is housed in the program without the children;
				If the children have not been reunified with the mother within the first 14 days, reimbursement rate will be decreased to \$72.90 on the 15 th day until the reunification or initial visitation occurs.
				DBH will reimburse the provider at the rate of \$225 once regular scheduled visitation begins with mom and <u>all four</u> children or the children maintain full-time/regular residence with the mother. Regular scheduled visitation and/or

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