

Home Health (HH) Medicaid Rates Flat While Costs Continue to Climb...

Service	2007 Medicaid Rates	2020 Medicaid Rates	Total % Change
Skilled Nursing	\$94.26	\$95.20	1%
Med Admin	\$60.52	\$51.96	-14%
Physical Therapy	\$80.49	\$81.29	1%
Occupational Therapy	\$82.82	\$83.65	1%
Speech Lang Path	\$82.82	\$83.65	1%
Home Health Aide	\$24.40/hr	\$24.64/hr	1%

- 1% increase over 12 years in all HH rates except Med Admin (14% decrease)
- 2017 elimination of Add-on rates for high risk cases (20% cut)
- NO Cost of Living Adjustments (2007 to 2019) = **21.7%**
- Added **unfunded** costs
 - RN Delegation of Med Admin
 - Electronic Visit Verification
 - Changes to Eligibility/Authorization processes
 - Outdated DPH regs (1979) not aligned with DSS initiatives
 - Projected Minimum Wage increases 82% over from 2013 to 2023 (\$8.25 to \$15.00)

Continuous Skilled Nursing Home Health Medicaid Rates (CT vs other states as of 02/2021)

Continuous Skilled Nursing = 2 or more hours/day of home health nursing services

- Ranges between 2-23 hours per day
- Average = 15 hrs/day
- 82% funded through Medicaid

CT History

- No increases in Medicaid rates in at least 20 years except:
 - 2017: Add-ons were removed (20% cut)
 - 2018: 3.2% increase to compensate for add-ons being removed
 - CT providers cannot compete with hospitals and nursing homes to recruit staff

Desired Medicaid Rates:

- Rates Similar to NH, MA and NJ
- Possible increased rates for specific hard-to-staff towns especially on borders (CT nurses work in MA with higher rates)

Value-based metrics:

- Fewer days in hospital after ready for D/C
- Fewer re-admissions related to inadequate staff

CT Medicaid LPN Rate	\$	38.01
CT Medicare RN Rate	\$	44.93
NJ Medicaid LPN Reimbursement Rate	\$	48.00
NJ Medicaid RN Reimbursement Rate	\$	60.00
MA Medicaid LPN Day Rate***	\$	49.49
MA Medicaid RN Day Rate***	\$	55.72
In addition, MA pays add-on premiums for Nights and Weekends		
NH Medicaid LPN Rate	\$	49.49
NH Medicaid RN Rate	\$	53.61

