

Care Coordination Alert



News of interest from UCare

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Issues of **Care Coordination Alert** often refer to several different UCare forms. Please note that UCare care coordination forms are on the UCare website under the Care Management and Care Coordination web page.

Please send care coordination-related questions to the Clinical Liaison mailbox:

MSC/MSHO: MSC_MSHO_ClinicalLiaison@ucare.org or by phone: 612-294-5045 or 1-866-613-1395

Service Rate and Budget Changes Effective January 1, 2024

DHS has increased the following monthly budget caps and monthly service rate limits effective January 1, 2024:

- 32.63% increase to EW monthly case mix budget caps
- Increase to consumer-directed community supports (CDCS) budgets under EW to align with EW case mix budgets
- 44.78% increase to EW 24-hour customized living daily and monthly limits
- Increase to EW customized living daily and monthly limits to 50% of the EW monthly case mix budget caps
- 56.67% increase to homemaker
- 8.81% increase to home-delivered meals
- 14.99% increase to caregiver counseling and caregiver training
- 75.72% increase to chore services, 15 minute
- 48.21% increase to individual community living supports (ICLS)
- 170.31% increase to adult companion
- 28.63% increase to adult day
- 58.86% increase to respite
- \$600 increase to environmental accessibility adaptations – home and vehicle installation and assessments (to \$20,600 from \$20,000).

Care coordinators must account for the new monthly budget and service rate increases in the member's EW budget. If the member is now over budget due to the rate increase, please complete a [Request to Exceed Case Mix Cap form](#) located in the Forms drawer on the [UCare Care Managers page](#).

CDCS Rate Change Process

The Care Coordinator will need to identify members who are receiving CDCS services and take the following actions:

- Complete the [DHS-6633A](#) following all directions in the form – including signatures
- Update member record and attach DHS-6633A
- Review and update the Care Plan or Support Plan
- If the member will be utilizing the increased funds the care coordinator must complete a new [Waiver Service Approval form](#) and send to UCare at CLSIntake@ucare.org or by fax at 612-884-2185.
- UCare will be sending out a list of members that currently have an active authorization for CDCS services to identified contacts at your agency.

For more information refer to [Long-term services and supports rate changes webpage](#).

Thank you,

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