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New Respite Care Service Rules

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Dear Administrator:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is issuing this letter to notify Single Entry Point (SEP), clients and providers of the amended rule for the Elderly, Blind and Disabled Rule concerning Respite Care, section 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.492. The newly amended rule clarifies the existing language for the SEP, clients and providers regarding respite services.

A respite provider that provides services for Medicaid clients enrolled in the Home and Community Based Services waivers for the Elderly, Blind and Disabled, Community Mental Health Supports Waiver, or Waiver for Persons with a Spinal Cord Injury, shall be in compliance with these regulations and all other state and local requirements. As set forth in 10 C.C.R. 2505-10,

- Section 8.492.21
Respite care provider means a Class I nursing facility, an alternative care facility, or respite care provided in a residence by an employee of a certified personal care agency which meets the certification standards for respite care.
- Section 8.492.31
An individual client shall be authorized for no more than thirty (30) days of respite care in each certification period unless otherwise authorized by the department.
- Section 8.492.53
Individual respite providers shall bill according to a unit rate or daily institutional Nursing Facility rate, whichever is less.

The NF respite rate in the Department Fee-For-Service Rate Sheet can be found [here](#).

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Cassandra Keller, 303-866-5181 or at Cassandra.keller@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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