

Navigating Medicare Reimbursement for Health-Related Social Needs

[U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Physician Fee Schedule \(PFS\)](#)

Revisions to Payment Policies under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, Quality Payment Program, and Other Revisions to Part B for CY 2024.

[The Community Health Integration and Principal Illness Navigation Resource Portal](#)

This page provides various information resources to assist organizations in deploying interventions to address health-related social needs (HRSNs) and provide navigation/peer-support services to priority populations.

The target audience for this content is the following:

- Community Care Hubs
- Community-Based Organizations
- Healthcare Providers
- FQHCs/RHCs

[Partnership to Align Social Care](#)

The Partnership collaborates to co-design a strategy to enable successful partnerships between healthcare organizations and networks of community-based organizations (CBOs) delivering social care services. The Partnership to Align Social Care hosted an [Online Presentation](#) detailing payment adjustments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) and other Medicare Part B policy updates for CY 2024.

Webinar Topics:

- Detail the PFS final rule sections pertinent to Medicare Providers and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) screening for and addressing Health-Related Social Needs (HRSNs).
- Review the implementation requirements for Community Health Integration (CHI) and Principal Illness Navigation (PIN) services.
- Outline new learning opportunities available for organizations, hospitals, and providers interested in implementing new care models.

[Understanding Medicare PFS Schedule Primer](#)

This Primer provides a snapshot of the new Community Health Integration (CHI), Principal Illness Navigation (PIN), and Principal Illness Navigation – Peer Support (PIN-PS) HCPCS codes. These codes advance opportunities to integrate health and social care to improve clinical outcomes. This Primer explores implementation opportunities at a local level.

Navigating Rhode Island Community Health Worker Medicaid Reimbursement

The RI State Plan Amendment (SPA) defines Community Health Worker (CHW) services as preventive health services. Covered CHW Services may be provided in a clinical or community setting. For the **most up-to-date information** and resources on CHW Medicaid Reimbursement, visit the [Executive Office of Health and Human Services \(EOHHS\) website](#).

Reimbursement Rate (as of 7/2024)

CHW services are billed in fifteen minutes increments using the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure code; T1016 – Case Management

T1016 – without a modifier will be used when billing for services rendered to an established patient - \$12.71

T1016 – with the U3 Modifier will be used when billing for services rendered to a new patient - \$16.53

T1016 – with HQ Modifier will be used when rendering services in a group setting - \$4.66 (each eligible Medicaid member)

Who Can Provide CHW Services:

1. Individuals certified by the Rhode Island Certification Board (RICB) as a CHW.
2. Individuals with a plan to work toward RIBC certification, to be achieved within 18 months. RI Medicaid does not define what counts as “having a plan.” However, if an individual does not complete RIBC certification within 18 months, their services will not be reimbursable by Medicaid until they complete that certification.

Other Things to Consider:

- Patient/Client must be enrolled in Rhode State Medicaid.
- All services must be medically necessary for the individual.
- A recommendation by a licensed healthcare practitioner must be made before billable CHW services are rendered. If a CHW conducts a screening without a recommendation, that screening is not billable.

Covered Services:

1. Health Promotion and Coaching
2. Health Education and Training
3. Health System Navigation and Resource Coordination
4. Care Planning

[Community Health Workers Provider Manual](#)

This manual introduces the purpose of coverage, guidelines, and enrollment information. It also provides an overview of the covered services in detail and billing procedures.

[EOHHS Policy Training for Community Health Workers](#)

Detailed overview of who can provide services, recommendation requirements, covered services with examples, group setting billing information, and diagnosis codes.

[Community Health Workers Enrollment and Billing Training](#)

A resource that provides guidelines on applying as a “non-medical” CHW Provider, how to enroll using the RI Medicaid Healthcare Portal, an overview of the requirements, information on the billing software, and a terminology glossary.

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\) Toolkits](#)

This resource provides information on how to comply with relevant Federal health care laws and regulations.