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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2021

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate  
and House of Representatives

FROM: Terri Hancharick – Chairperson *TH*  
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: S.B. 109 (Medicaid Reimbursement Rates HHA)

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed S.B. 109, which is an Act to amend Section 7931 of Title 29 pertaining to Medicaid reimbursement rates for home health-care services. SCPD has the following observations.

Section 7931(d) requires DMMA to establish a minimum or floor rate for reimbursement for “all hourly home health-care nursing services paid for by Medicaid-contracted organizations” to a home health-care nursing services provider. This Act would add section (f) to Section 7931. This section is similar to and based upon section 7931(d). It would require DMMA to establish a minimum or floor rate for reimbursement for “all home health-care services for Medicaid long-term care services and support providers paid for by Medicaid-contracted organizations” to home health-care services providers.

This bill provides conformity in reimbursement with other services (home health-care nursing services) and requires DMMA to set a minimum reimbursement rate for all home health-care services for Medicaid long-term care services and support providers. Although Medicaid-contracted organizations can reimburse at a higher rate, they, at a minimum, have to reimburse providers at the rate set by DMMA.

SCPD endorses the proposed legislation but suggests DMMA revisit the pay rate, which has not changed in 10-15 years. Another concern is that this is subject to an alternative reimbursement scheme, which may not have much impact.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our position and observations on the proposed legislation.

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