



Shared Living Services (3150 / 3752) Contract Review: Nursing/Clinical Hours

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Background

When the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) promulgated updates to [101 CMR 411.00: Rates for Certain Placement, Support, and Shared Living Services](#) on November 8, 2024, the staffing models were updated to reflect the changing needs of Shared Living services and support a more robust staffing infrastructure. The models include increased hours for management and recruitment. Also, nursing and clinical supports have shifted from consultants to FTE in the rate model, potentially impacting current add-ons for each position type.

The [Regulated Rate Table](#) has been updated to include rate component table to illustrate the embedded hours per position in the updated models.

Review Process

In the coming weeks, DDS will review FY 26 Shared Living contracts with nursing (licensed practical nurse and registered nurse) and clinician add-on hours. Direct care add-on hours are not subject to review. During the review process, DDS will assess current add-on hours per individual. This review assumes that all consultant hours in the previous rate model were utilized and that nursing/clinical add-on hours were above the consultant allowance. As a result, the consultant allowance will be subtracted from the total FTE nursing/clinical hours per individual under the updated rate model. This difference becomes the total available hours per position per individual annually and will be the basis of all calculations. Note: clinical and nursing add-ons hours are not to be combined.

If the current add-on hours **do not** exceed the individual's total available hours per position annually, all the add-on hours will be removed. For example, if the total available hours for nursing for the individual are 35 hours and the current add-on hours total 20 hours, all 20 hours will be removed from the contract.

If the current add-ons hours **exceed** the individual's total available hours per position annually, the add-on hours would be reduced to the difference between the add-ons and the total available hours per person. For example, if the total available hours are 43 hours and the current add-on hours are 52 hours, the add-on hours will be adjusted downwards to 9 add-on hours.