



## HCBS/TBI

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Dear TBI Waiver Service Providers:

On March 24, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved an amendment to the TBI 1915(c) waiver application #NY 0269.R04.04, which provides for a rural rate adjustment to the waiver service of Home and Community Support Services (HCSS), retroactive to September 1, 2019. This rate adjustment applies only to counties comprised of zip codes designated as Frontier and Remote (FAR) by the USDA Economic Research Service. These counties are Allegany, Clinton, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence. **As of July 1, 2021 (Medicaid Cycle 2290), approved providers offering services in one of the seven (7) rural counties are required to submit all initial claims using the new HCSS Rural Rate Code 9883.**

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As outlined in previous correspondence, all HCSS rates are loaded to locator code 003. When you bill, you must use the zip+4 that points to your locator code 003, regardless of what county or TBI region you believe is assigned to locator 003. Additionally, location of the service is not defined by a locator code assigned to a county or region. Instead, location of service will be defined based on the recipient's county on their Medicaid enrollment file. You will use the recipient's county to select the appropriate HCSS rate code based on the table below:

HCSS Code	Counties
9879	New York City
9880	Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester
9881	Rockland
9882	All Other Counties
9883	Allegany, Clinton, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence

Providers need not adjust claims paid between September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 for rural counties which had previously been paid under Rate Code 9882. In Medicaid Cycle 2292 (check date July 26, 2021, release date August 11, 2021), eMedNY will automatically re-

adjust these claims. Participant claims affected by this retroactive adjustment will be listed on your Cycle 2292 remittance advice.

**To reiterate: effective July 1, 2021 (Medicaid Cycle 2290), Rate Code 9883 is to be used for Allegany, Clinton, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, and St. Lawrence counties only.**

New HCSS Rural Add-On Rate Code	Effective 9/1/2019	Effective 1/1/2020	Effective 1/1/2021	Effective 1/1/2022
9883	\$33.54	\$34.44	\$35.34	\$35.34

Any questions regarding the new rate code and adjustments to claims may be submitted to: [1915CR@health.ny.gov](mailto:1915CR@health.ny.gov).

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