



Clinical Services Program **Alert**

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Update on EW Customized Living (CL) tool

Michael Derks is working on Version 6.0.1 of the Tool. This will allow for service planning and rate-setting for CL Start Dates after 8-31-11. Due to timelines necessary to provide adequate notice, legislative changes affecting CL and 24CI will be implemented September 1, 2011.

UCare is asking all care coordinators to follow the directions below in regard to members who are on EW and receiving customized living services:

Do not submit any Tools for CL Start Dates after 08/31/2011 until you can submit using version 6. Use version 5.4.1 to get started. Once version 6 is out you will be able to import your work and enter the correct CL Start Date. If you clear all dates and then re-enter them in the order - Assessment Date, CL Start Date, and finally, CL End Date-, you can enter the 09-01-11 date. This will allow easier import to version 6.0.1. Please note: If you use 5.4.1 to get started, the rate calculated will not be correct. In all cases the version 5.4.1 rate will be too high. To get an **estimate** of the final rate multiply the Version 5.4.1 rate by 0.95. This estimate should be most accurate for clients with case mix B or above and who are not eligible for 24 hr CL based solely on a Meds + 50 criteria. Case mix A and L Clients, or those with getting 24 Hr CL based solely on the Meds+ 50 criteria, **may** have the rate change or require service reductions to meet new limits when the data is imported to version 6.0.1.

In no case should you consider this estimate final or should you authorize the rate. Criteria for case mix L, CL Service Limits, Budget Caps, and criteria for 24hr CI have changed. Only when the client information is imported into Version 6.0.1 will the rate be final and valid for authorization.

It's also important to remember that the rate reductions (service rate limits, component rates, and current authorizations) are effective for *service dates* on or after September 1, 2011, while three other changes apply to individuals:

- Changes to 24 CL criteria must be applied to all new EW participants effective September 1, 2011, and to all current participants at their next reassessment that becomes effective on or after September 1, 2011.
- Changes to case mix classification criteria for "L", and reduced case mix "L monthly budget amounts must be applied to all new EW participants effective September 1, 2011, and to current participants at their next reassessment that becomes effective on or after September 1,

2011.

- *The new service rate limit for case mix "L" for customized living service* will be applied to all new EW participants effective September 1, 2011, and to current participants at their next reassessment that becomes effective on or after September 1, 2011.

For current EW participant who entered the program before September 1, 2011, these changes in 24 CL criteria, case mix "L" classification, and the case mix "L" service rate limit for CL cannot be applied when a reassessment does NOT accompany a needed change to a CL or 24 CL service plan and rate workbook. For example, an individual may need additional units of a service, there is not a significant change that warrants a reassessment or that would result in a case mix change, and there are resources available under the service rate limit for the individual. The lead agency can submit a workbook

You will need to submit version 6.0.1 tools for all Clients with CL Start dates or Assessment Effective dates on or after 09-01-2011. You will **not** need to import and re-submit tools for with dates before that time. Any Tools with CL Start dates or Assessment Effective dates before 09-01-2011, that have not been submitted before 08-31-2011, will need to be imported to version 6.0.1 and submitted on the new version.

Michael is working on Version 6.0.1 out as quickly as possible hopefully within the next few weeks. If you have any questions please contact Michael directly at **651.431.5626** or by email at Michael.J.Dercks@state.mn.us