

**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Providers**

**Date: August 18, 2022**

**Subject: Medicaid Provider Minimum Wage Fee Schedule Increases and Supplemental Wage Agreement - Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert**

Thank you for your continued participation in our network and your commitment to our members. Our Provider Network Team is dedicated to keeping our providers informed of important news and updates. Please read the latest communication from AHCA.

The following language comes directly from AHCA's Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert dated August 4, 2022, and has not been changed.

On June 2, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis signed the Freedom First budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022-2023. The Freedom First Budget provided over \$600 million in funding to the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency or AHCA) for the sole purpose of increasing the minimum wage for employees of Medicaid providers to at least \$15.00 an hour.

To distribute the funds appropriated for the Medicaid provider minimum wage requirement, AHCA has been directed to increase Medicaid managed care reimbursement rates and certain Medicaid fee-for-service fee schedules. The Agency is also required to enter into a supplemental wage agreement with each impacted Medicaid Provider by October 1, 2022, to ensure compliance with the minimum wage requirements. Providers who fail to sign the agreement will be subject to audits and recoupment of funds associated with the minimum wage requirement. Also, as delineated in the budget, if providers don't use the rate increase as intended, employees may bring civil action against the provider.

For more information on the supplemental wage agreement and fee schedule increases related to the minimum wage requirements, please visit the Agency's Medicaid Provider Minimum Wage page on the Agency's website at the link below.

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If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Network Account Executive or call Provider Services at **1-800-617-5727**.