

# Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (WIMCR) - Updates



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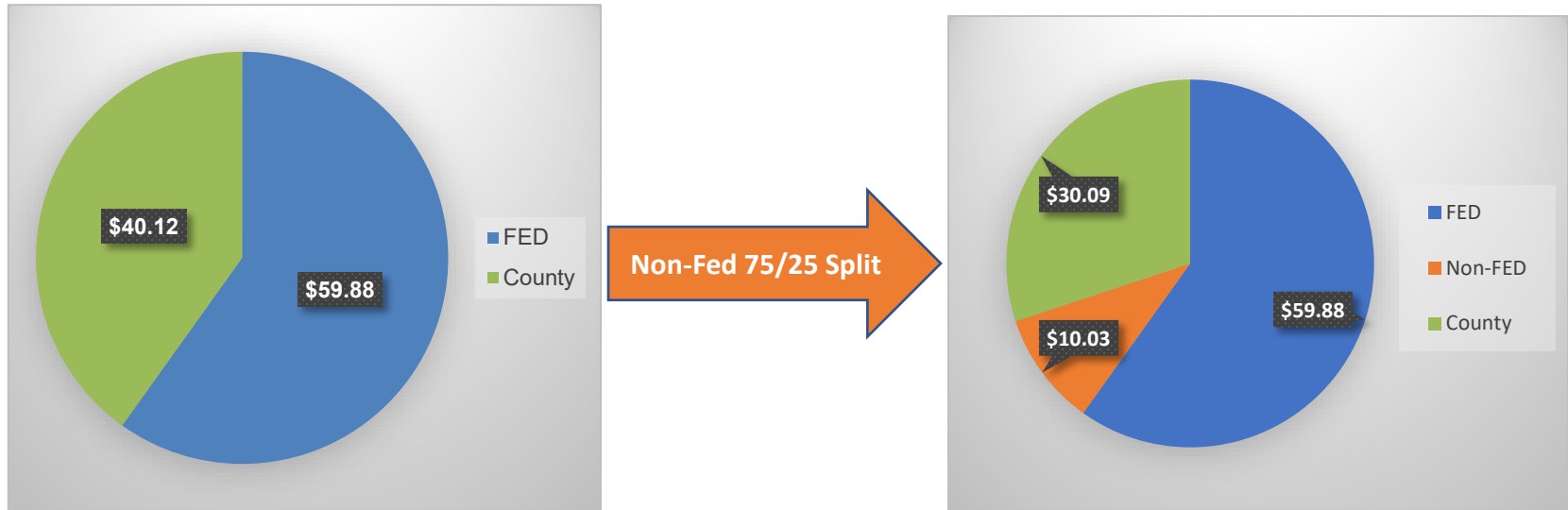
# Updates

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# Crisis Intervention – Legislative Changes

- 2019 Wisconsin Act 9 amended state law so that counties would no longer assume 100% of the financial burden for the local share of a Crisis Intervention interim claim.
- Instead, the state would contribute 25% of the local share in the form of General-Purpose Revenue.
- The county would be responsible for the remaining 75% of the local share.

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- Act 9 also directed DHS to calculate an annual contribution amount for each county or county consortia.
- The department based the contribution amounts on CY2016-CY2018 expenditures (interim claims and cost settlements).
- These contribution amounts are frozen.

# Crisis Intervention – Final Cost Settlement Calculation

- With these legislative changes, the final Crisis cost settlement can consist of two components:
  - The traditional FED payment (The FED portion of the settlement minus a 17% state withhold)
  - An additional GPR payment representing a portion of the local share on the cost settlement.
- DHS determines whether a county has met its required contribution cap amount:
  - If so, the county receives an additional GPR settlement payment.
  - If not, DHS reduces the FED payment until the county reaches its cap.

# Cost Reporting for CY2023 Crisis Intervention/Stabilization

- On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the department released the new and reconfigured Crisis Intervention/Stabilization (CI-SPD) procedure codes and modifiers, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- These changes will be reflected in CY2023 cost reporting and settlement, scheduled for summer and fall of CY2024.

# Crisis Intervention/Stabilization - Billing Codes Changes

## **Previous Codes**

- S9484 – Hourly Crisis Services
- S9485 – Per Diem Crisis Services

## **New Codes – Crisis Intervention**

- H0030 – Hotline
- H2011 – Response
- T1016 – Linkage and Follow-up

## **Reconfigured Codes – Crisis Stabilization**

S9484 – Hourly  
S9485 – Per Diem



# Cost Reporting for CY2023 Crisis Intervention/Stabilization

- For dates-of-service between January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, counties may allocate CI services to procedure codes S9484 and S9485 even though those codes were repurposed as Crisis Stabilization codes at the beginning of CY23.
- For dates-of-service occurring on or after March 6th, county agencies should **make every effort** to allocate CI costs and hours to the new CI codes.

# Cost Reporting for CY2023 Crisis Intervention/Stabilization

- The department recognizes that counties are in various stages of being able to fully transition to the new billing practices.
- As such, for cost settlement purposes, we will accept any allocation of costs and hours across the five procedure codes for CY2023 dates-of-service.
- Our hope is that counties will “make every effort” to allocate CY2023 Crisis Intervention costs to the three new Crisis Intervention codes.
- Bottom line: We are granting maximum cost reporting flexibility.

# WIMCR Cost Reporting – Direct Support

- Past guidance in regard to Direct Support cost reporting established a hard cap of 25%:
  - For staff who spent at least 25 percent of their paid hours providing WIMCR support activities, counties reported their hours in the ‘Direct Support’ section of the cost report.
  - For staff who spent fewer than 25 percent of their paid hours providing WIMCR support activities, counties reported their hours as ‘Overhead Personnel’.

# WIMCR Cost Reporting – Direct Support

- For 2023 cost reporting (CY2022 dates-of-service), the 25% hard cap is no longer a requirement.
- Counties should report any personnel as Direct Support if the individual spends a **reasonable** portion of their time on supervisory or administrative function related to Direct Medical service provision.
- Counties will now have the flexibility to determine ‘reasonableness’ with regards to reporting Direct Support and Overhead Personnel hours.
- However, the department still recommends using the 25% threshold as a guide to ensure reasonable and appropriate reporting.

# Supplemental Cost Settlements for CY2021 Dates-of-Service

- For CY2021-related cost settlements, the department noticed that certain procedure codes hadn't been captured for settlement purposes.
- The department has issued or will be issuing supplemental settlements to capture these missing codes:
  - Community Recovery Services supplementals processed on 4/11/23.
  - Comprehensive Community Services supplementals processed on 5/2/23.
  - All remaining WIMCR supplementals (if any) will process – including Crisis Services – will process in June.

# Other Cost Reporting Changes – Desk Review Edits

- For the current round of cost reporting, the department will be implementing changes to the desk review edit thresholds in an effort to reduce the number of edits counties encounter.
- Specifically, the ‘Cost per paid hour is unusually high’ edit for the Masters, Bachelors, and Less Than Bachelor’s degree levels will be raised.
- By raising the edit threshold levels at the high end for these three provider levels, the department anticipates significant reductions in the number of edits.

# 2023-25 Biennial Budget News

- The Governor's Biennial Budget submission to the State Legislature included a provision which would use state General Purpose Revenue to fully fund the local share for the Community Support Program.
- The Joint Committee on Finance will decide whether to advance the Governor's proposal to the full Legislature for inclusion in the final 2023-25 budget.

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