

For background, the **Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS)** is a Medicaid program that provides supports to children with intellectual, developmental, physical or emotional disabilities. The program is designed to provide services and supports at home and in the community to children with disabilities or special needs. It is administered by counties. **Examples of Services:** Respite Care, In-home therapy, home modifications. **Eligibility:** Children/ youth with special needs who have a significant physical disability, developmental disability, or emotional disability. Eligibility is determined through a state required functional screen. Children also must be eligible for Medicaid (Title 19/Card Services). **Referral process for Milwaukee County:** Referrals can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Call Milwaukee County Disability Services at 414-289-6799 (English & Spanish)

What is Changing?

Provider Directory The proposed website that will list all providers of waiver services will be discussed at the forum. This is intended to help families find a provider for a specific service or to ask someone who could provide the service to register.

Rate Structure <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/hcbs/ratestructure.htm>

DHS has developed a draft rate payment structure for many services in the children's waiver. Rates include wages and employee withholdings. This is intended to standardize how services are paid for statewide. Here are a few examples to help you provide feedback.

Respite You might be using respite services (SPC 103.26). If you choose and "hire" (fiscal agent) your respite worker through a fiscal agent, the new rate will be \$14-\$22/hr depending on your child's needs. If you work with an agency that employs workers, the rate is \$26-\$34/hr. The rate structure gives counties additional flexibility for weekends, overnight and holidays.

Child Care Subsidy If you have childcare costs while you are at work those costs can be supplemented by the waiver. For children under 12, the rates supplement some of the family's cost for childcare. For children over the age of 12, the full cost of childcare can be funded by the waiver.

Supportive Home Care If your child needs support or care for "daily living needs" in addition to Medicaid personal care, the waiver can be used for this purpose. The rate will be \$14-\$22/hr. depending on your child's needs.

Daily Living Skills If your child wants to increase their learning skills and learn new things to be more independent this is called daily living skills training. If you choose and "hire" (fiscal agent) a worker the new rate will be \$22/hr. If you work with an agency who employs workers, the rate is \$32/hr.