

Social Isolation & Dementia Services

In FY2020 there are two new funding sources from the State, which is in addition to the normal State funding amount. These new funds must be used for Social Isolation and dementia-related clients/caregivers.

The new state Social Isolation funding (\$32,600) will be used for three services.

1. The first two services are Telephone Reassurance or "TR" and Friendly Visiting or "FV." They will operate and be paid just like I&A and Outreach (OR) respectively. In FY2020 the reimbursement for I&A & TR is \$21.78 per unit and for OR & FV is \$46.52 per unit. We have set aside \$11,300 for TR and \$5,000 for FV which is in addition to the requested amounts for I&A and OR by the participating provider. We would like to have three communities participating whether it is one or three different providers.

The Combined Assessment form will determine eligibility for TR and FV services by showing that the individual is socially isolated. A separate reporting area has been set up in the Monthly Report excel file. The provider will need to recruit volunteers and get them enrolled in RSVP (or set aside staff hours if they want but this is not encouraged), make appropriate internal reports, and include this info on the Monthly Report excel file to EAAA.

2. We have set aside the remainder of the Social Isolation funds or \$16,300 for additional Outreach to isolated individuals which is in addition to the regular III-B OR amount each provider has in their budget. In other words, this is an add-on amount and all providers participate or their share of these funds go to other providers that provide extra units, just like the SHAP funding. In FY2020 the reimbursement rate for both III-B OR and State Social Isolation OR is \$46.52 per unit.

Again the Combined Assessment form must show that the individual is socially isolated to be counted as a Social Isolated OR unit. If the client is not socially isolated then the OR visit is counted as a regular III-B OR unit.

The new state Dementia-related funding (also \$32,600) will be used for Dementia-related Gap-Filling (GAP), Home Mod, and dementia education services.

1. Dementia GAP operates like III-E GAP except that the Dementia GAPs maximum is \$1,500 not \$500. The Combined Assessment is use to determine from which fund (III-E or State Dementia) to pay the provider with the additional info required for Dementia-related units.
2. Also, there is Dementia Home Mod which has a maximum of \$2,000 not \$500 per household. The service operates like III-B Home Mod. The Combined Assessment is use to determine from which fund (III-B or State Dementia) to pay the provider.

We have set aside \$30,000 for Dementia GAP & Dementia Home Mod services. These funds will be allocated to Shawnee Alliance who will receive all referrals for this service from senior centers.

3. Finally, for dementia education we are designating *The Savvy Caregiver* service by Shawnee for this funding. Caregivers of someone with dementia will be the completers. We have set aside \$2,600 right now. In FY2020 the reimbursement rate will be \$855.67 per completer for both regular III-E *Savvy Caregiver* completers and completers that are caregivers of people with Dementia (see the Assessment form to determine this).

We are working on draft copies of the new Combined Assessment and Monthly Report excel file that includes the info new need for this new funding for use in FY2020.

Have questions? Just ask.