

CDPAP Rate Cuts Struck Down Lawsuit Challenged DOH's Per Member Per Month Rate Structure

On October 11, the State Supreme Court for Albany County <u>struck down</u> the new DOH rate methodology for CDPAP Medicaid recipients that had taken effect on September 1. The court declared the new rate null and void and ordered DOH to reinstate its previous rate reimbursement methodology.

In its decision, the court held that DOH violated the State Administrative Procedures Act (SAPA) by implementing the new rate methodology without adhering to the formal rule-making process.

Several options are available to DOH, including appealing the decision, attempting to enact an emergency regulation, issuing a proposed rule in compliance with SAPA, or addressing the matter in next year's budget process.

Fiscal intermediaries should be aware that this court decision has no impact on the fiscal intermediary procurement process enacted in this year's budget. The procurement process requires existing fiscal intermediaries to apply for a contract within 60 days after DOH posts contracting requirements on its website. Contact Michael Weiner with any questions about the reimbursement methodology or procurement process.

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