

Discontinuation of the LTSS Alternative Payment Model

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Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island (Neighborhood) is informing home health care providers of an update impacting long-term services and supports (LTSS). As per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), the LTSS Alternative Payment Model (APM) will not continue beyond the pilot project phase. **Please note that the pilot project has been extended to June 30, 2024 to align with the State’s fiscal year.**

Through APM, participating providers are evaluated on readiness measures and receive an incentive payment based on those evaluations. The home care agency measures include employee retention, consistent staff assignment, and service hours delivered versus approved.

[In a memo dated October 23, 2023](#), EOHHS indicated it had planned to proceed to the full pay-for-performance of the APM next year but was informed that the earmarked funding for the pilot project is no longer available to the State. The memo added that “the unavailability of this federal funding will result in this pilot project model being financially unsustainable beyond the end of the pilot project phase.”

The APM measures are outlined in the following table:

Figure 1.

	Measure Domain	Measure	Measurement Period
Home Care Agency Reported Measures	Workforce Performance	(1) Employee Retention Rate	Prior quarter point in time – last day of the prior quarter
		(2) Consistent Staff Assignment	Prior quarter period
		(3) Service Hours Delivered vs. Approved	

Participating agencies receive an additional \$0.64 based on reports submitted. The final report for the pilot project will reflect Q2 2024 and is due to Neighborhood by **July 15, 2024**.

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