

MSC Transition Payment
New Rules Effective October 1, 2010 and Crossover Period from Prior Rules

New Transition Rules Effective October 1, 2010 are applicable -

1. When an individual is new to service coordination, i.e. he/she has never received any type of OPWDD service coordination/case management service.
2. When an individual moves from an OPWDD Supervised or Supportive Individualized Residential Alternative or Community Residence to his/her own home or apartment where the person is responsible for his/her own living expenses.

As of October 1, 2010, only **ONE** month of transition billing is allowed for individuals who meet one of the above criteria. The transition payment will be three times the regular MSC fee (see Appendix B of the MSC Contract), and the MSC Vendor bills transition in lieu of the regular monthly payment for the transition month only.

When billing transition, MSC Vendors will use their applicable Provider ID, the Rate Code associated with the individual's status (5211 Non-Willowbrook Class Member or 5214 Willowbrook Class Member), and Locator Code 004.

Q. For what month is transition billed for situations that meet the 10/1/2010 transition rules?

A.1. If a Non-Willowbrook Class Member is new to MSC, per criteria 1 above, only the first month the vendor bills for the services to the individual should be billed as transition.

EXAMPLE: Individual is new to MSC, with enrollment 10/1/2010, the October service month (11/1/2010 date of service) should be the transition billing.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no

A.2. If a Non-Willowbrook Class Member moves on the **FIRST DAY** of the month, per criteria 2 above, the vendor bills transition for **THAT** month.

EXAMPLE: An individual moves from a Supervised IRA **on 10/1/2010** to his own apartment where he is responsible for the living expenses. The MSC vendor will bill October services (11/1/2010 date of service) at the transitional level. November services (12/1/2010 date of service) will be billed at the regular payment level.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no

A.3. If a Non-Willowbrook Class member moves on OTHER THAN THE FIRST DAY of the month, per criteria 2 above, the vendor bills transition for the FOLLOWING month.

EXAMPLE: An individual moves from a Supportive IRA on **10/15/2010** to her own apartment where she is responsible for the living expenses. The MSC agency will bill NOVEMBER services (12/1/2010 date of service) at the transitional level. October (month of move but not on the first) and December services, will be reimbursed at the regular payment level.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
1/1/2011	5211	Basic	003	no

NOTE: If the individual in example 1, 2 or 3 had been a Willowbrook Class Member, the only differences in billing would be the Rate Code (5214 instead of 5211) and Payment Level would have consistently been Willowbrook.

“Crossover Period”

Billing for transition situations which occur during the “crossover period” which is August 2, 2010 through September 30, 2010, will be allowed TWO months of transition billing, but the Rate Code used for any October 2010 service month billing (11/1/2010 date of service) must be associated with the individual’s status (5211 Non-Willowbrook Class Member or 5214 Willowbrook Class Member). August 2, 2010 is the start of the “crossover period” since any individual who qualified for transition billing August 1, 2010 or prior (see criteria for transition billing below) should have had two months of transition billing completed PRIOR to the October 2010 service month.

Transition billing criteria prior to October 1, 2010

1. The person initially receives MSC
2. The person begins adult service
3. Following the person’s move to a more independent residential environment or from his/her family home to a certified environment

Q. For what months is transition billed for situations that meet the transition rules prior to 10/1/2010?

A.4. If a Non-Willowbrook Class Member is new to MSC (enrolled prior to 10/1/2010), the first TWO months the vendor bills for the individual should be billed as transition.

EXAMPLE: Individual who lives in a Supportive IRA is new to MSC, **with enrollment effective 8/1/2010**, the August and September service months (9/1/2010 and 10/1/2010 dates of service) should be the transition billings.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
9/1/2010	5212	Intermediate	004	yes
10/1/2010	5212	Intermediate	004	yes
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no

A.5. If a Non-Willowbrook Class Member is new to MSC (enrolled prior to 10/1/2010), the first TWO months the vendor bills for the individual should be billed as transition.

EXAMPLE: Individual who lives at home with family is new to MSC, **with enrollment effective 9/1/2010**, the September and October service months (10/1/2010 and 11/1/2010 dates of service) should be the transition billings.

Note, although both September and October service months are billed as transition with Locator 004, the September service month will be billed at the Enhanced Rate Code, but the October service month should be billed as the Basic Rate Code since this is AFTER the 10/1/2010 restructuring.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
10/1/2010	5213	Enhanced	004	yes
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no

A.6. If a Non-Willowbrook Class Member moves on the FIRST DAY of the month, the vendor bills transition for THAT month AND the subsequent month.

EXAMPLE: An individual moves from her own home into a Supportive IRA **on 9/1/2010**. The MSC vendor will bill September and October services (10/1/2010 and 11/1/2010 dates of service) at the transitional level. November services (12/1/2010 date of service) will be billed at the regular payment level.

Note, although both September and October service months are billed as transition with Locator 004, the September service month will be billed at the Intermediate Rate Code (level associated with living setting individual moved “to” and is prior to 10/1/2010 billing change), but the October service month should be billed as the Basic Rate Code since this is AFTER the 10/1/2010 restructuring.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
10/1/2010	5212	Intermediate	004	yes
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no

A.7. If a Non-Willowbrook Class member moves on OTHER THAN THE FIRST DAY of a month, the vendor bills transition for the TWO months AFTER the month of the move.

EXAMPLE: An individual moves from his own home into Family Care on **8/2/2010**. The MSC agency will bill September and October services (10/1/2010 and 11/1/2010 dates of service) at the transitional level. August (month of move but not on the first) and November services, will be reimbursed at the regular payment level.

Note, although both September and October service months are billed as transition with Locator 004, the September service month will be billed at the Enhanced Rate Code (level associated with living setting individual moved “to” and is prior to 10/1/2010 billing change), but the October service month should be billed as the Basic Rate Code since this is AFTER the 10/1/2010 restructuring.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
9/1/2010	5213	Enhanced	003	no
10/1/2010	5213	Enhanced	004	yes
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	003	no

A.8. If a Non-Willowbrook Class member moves on OTHER THAN THE FIRST DAY of a month, the vendor bills transition for the TWO months AFTER the month of the move.

EXAMPLE: An individual moves from his own home to a Supervised IRA on **9/30/2010**. The MSC agency will bill October and November services (11/1/2010 and 12/1/2010 dates of service) at the transitional level. September (month of move but not on the first) and December services, will be reimbursed at the regular payment level.

Note, the October and November service months will be billed at the Basic Rate Code, since this is AFTER the 10/1/2010 restructuring but for two months the Locator Code used should be 004 since the transition criteria prior to 10/1/2010 was met.

Service Date	Rate Code	Payment Level	Locator Code	Transition
10/1/2010	5213	Enhanced	003	no
11/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
12/1/2010	5211	Basic	004	yes
1/1/2011	5211	Basic	003	no

NOTE: If the individual in examples 4 through 8 had been a Willowbrook Class Member, the only differences in billing would be the Rate Code (5214 instead of the Rate Code identified) and Payment Level would have consistently been Willowbrook.

State Paid Service Coordination and individuals enrolling in MSC

If an individual has ever received OPWDD State Paid Service Coordination, the individual will not meet the first criteria of the 10/1/2010 transition rules. While Part 635-12, OPWDD's Liability for Services Regulation, states that OMRDD "may" approve state paid funding for up to 3 months of Medicaid Service Coordination if specific circumstances are met, if a provider receives payment for State Paid Service Coordination, MSC transition billing (based on individual new to MSC) would not be appropriate for the individual when Medicaid coverage is obtained.

DDSO Provided MSC

DDSO staff will follow the same rules for MSC transition billing as provider agencies.

- If an individual met either of the 10/1/2010 transition criteria, the Activity Code for MSC-Transition should be recorded for ONE service month – the first month the individual received MSC, the month of the move if the move occurred on the 1st or the month after the move if the move occurred on other than the 1st.
- If an individual met the pre-10/1/2010 transition criteria, the Activity Code for MSC-Transition should be recorded for TWO service months based on the current Activity Code recording rules.