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Dear Provider,

Re: 2022/23 Domiciliary Care Interim Settlement from 01/04/2022

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the Care fee setting process for 2022/23, the current challenges and show our commitment to the care sector within the challenging circumstances we are all face.

As a Health Board (HB), we understand how challenging the current economic climate is for all our external providers and partners who provide healthcare on behalf of the HB. The HBs fee setting is closely linked to the regional fees methodology, which has been subject to delays in agreement and publication across all Local Authorities. Therefore, the HB have been unable to determine a full settlement for 2022/23 fees at this stage.

BCUHB, the Executive Team and Board Members are acutely aware that not addressing the 2022/23 fees before the full fee-setting process is complete will potentially have a significant impact on the sustainability of the market within North Wales. Within this context, this interim settlement is to be actioned with immediate effect.

The HB is proposing to adopt the same approach as in 2021/22 and use an average of the individual LA percentage uplifts, with information available. The interim proposal is to uplift the rates to 50% of the projected uplift based on information from LAs:

Rate	50% of Average % Increase across 6 LAs
Domiciliary Care	4.03%

These rates will apply to packages of care from 01/04/2022, therefore please update your rates for all appropriate invoices for care provided from 01/04/2022. If you have already invoiced for care in April, please invoice the HB for the additional amount from 01/04/2022 until the rates are updated within your invoices.



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Next Steps

BCUHB will continue work on the full fee-setting process as outlined above and will communicate updates with providers as timely as possible, this will include updates with regards to external factors that impact the fee-setting process. Any further settlement when agreed will be back-dated to 01/04/2022.

Thanks for your continued partnership in the care provided to residents across North Wales.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Hill".

Sue Hill
Executive Director of Finance