

Disability Services

## Client fees for disability services as of 1 January 2023

The North Savo wellbeing services county will start operations on 1 January 2023. On 31 October 2022, the Council of the wellbeing services county decided on county-respective client fees starting 1 January 2023. Client fees for clients covered by the services may change. A decision on the changed client fee will be made as of 1 January 2023 and it will be delivered to the client during the beginning of the year. Due to the transfer to the wellbeing services county, the client must re-issue the e-invoice and direct payment authorisations.

The new client fee list can be found in its entirety in the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Council on 31 October 2022, section 100 ([www.pshyvinvointialue.fi](http://www.pshyvinvointialue.fi)) and, in December, on the website of the wellbeing services county. According to the legislation on client fees, municipalities or joint municipal authorities have previously been able to decide on the fees for support services. For this reason, the harmonisation of client fees in the wellbeing services county applies especially to support services, such as meal and maintenance fees.

The decision of the Board of the North Savo Wellbeing Services County on the reduction and non-collection of client fees can be found in the minutes of the Regional Government, 07/12/2022. ([www.pshyvinvointialue.fi](http://www.pshyvinvointialue.fi)).

For more information about client fees for 2023, please contact the Disability Services of your municipality or joint municipal authority.

### Long-term housing services

The client pays meals and other costs related to everyday life, as well as maintenance fees. In addition, the client pays the rent directly to the lessor. The rent includes the maintenance costs of the property and the allocated portion of the common premises available to residents. In addition, the client pays for electricity and water, for example. The rent charged to the client must not exceed the maximum amount of housing expenses to be taken into account when calculating the housing benefit for the pensioner.

The fee charged for catering services must not exceed reasonable expenditure incurred in providing the service. The client will be charged a meal fee for actual meals in accordance with the service provider's price list, but no more than for all meals during the day €18.10 basic diet / day, special diet €21.40 / day

The maintenance fee is a fee for expenses incurred, regardless of the client's intellectual disability / other disability. As a maintenance fee, a municipality may collect housing support services (e.g. cleaning, clothing maintenance, sauna), supplies (e.g. toiletries, cleaning equipment, hobby and recreational equipment, small household items) and meal expenses (raw materials, manufacture, labour, water, energy, storage and transport). KHO:2014:186, Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities, 26 February 2020

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Other maintenance charge for long-term housing services:

- Sheltered housing with no night supervision €45/month
- 24-hour Housing Service €45/month

**Foster care**Long-term foster care

A maintenance fee is charged for full maintenance based on the client's net income. The maintenance fee includes meals, equipment, utensils, etc., shared in the common premises of the residential and foster home. The maintenance fee does not exceed 85% of the recipient's net income. The client is to be left with 15% of their net income, but no less than €167 per month.

Short-term care at the family carer's home. Includes meals, accommodation and other expenses during care and treatment.

Living without fixed meals	11.60 €/day	
16 years of age or older (meals and accommodation)		32.50 €/day
persons under 16 years of age (meals and accommodation)		19.00 €/day
part-time care of persons aged 16 years and older (6–12 hours)		€16.00/treatment
Part-time family care (less than 6 hours)	€12.20/treatment	

Short-term family care provided at the client's home is free of charge. If the client is in daytime activities (school, day activities) at the same time, the fee is €16.00 / day / full-time family care. Family care fees do not add up to a payment ceiling.

**Temporary accommodation**

Temporary accommodation services are 24-hour accommodation including meals, accommodation and other expenses during care and treatment.

Living without fixed meals	€11.60/day	
16 years of age or older (meals and accommodation)		32.50 €/day
Persons under 16 years of age (meals and accommodation)		19.00 €/day
Part-time care: 16-year-olds and older	€16.00/day	

The 24-hour fee is charged on the basis of the actual days for all ages. No client fee will be charged for part-time care of a youth under 16 years of age and subject to compulsory education, until the end of the school year during which s/he turns 16 (Act on Client Fees in Social Welfare and Health Care, section 4(2)).

**Care during informal carer's leave**

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Organisation of home care-related statutory leave in the housing unit and in family care (family care provided at the family carer's home, family care provided at the care recipient's home):

a client fee is charged €11.60/day.

The client fee is also charged to persons under 16 years of age.

No client fee is charged for the service provided to the client's home in the case of a service voucher and the client eats at his/her home at personal expense.

A client fee of €11.60/day is charged for a service provided with a service voucher in a 24-hour unit. The service voucher entrepreneur charges a client fee. The client fee is also charged to persons under 16 years of age.

Clients who have signed an informal care agreement are also entitled to discretionary leave, which has been entered into the client plan. The daily price of the short-term housing service is charged to the informal carer as follows:

night-supervised temporary care for persons over 16 years of age

€32.50/day

night-supervised temporary care for children under 16 years of age

€19.00/day

No nighttime temporary care for persons over 16 years of age

€22.30/day

Payments do not add up to a payment ceiling.

**Institutional care**Long-term inpatient care

A person in long-term institutional care in developmental disability care will be charged a fee for maintenance in accordance with their ability to pay, regardless of their age.

A maintenance fee is charged for full maintenance, which includes meals, equipment, utensils, etc., shared in the common premises of the residential and foster home. The maintenance fee does not exceed 85% of the recipient's net monthly income. The fee for long-term inpatient care is charged from the beginning of treatment when the estimated duration of 24-hour inpatient care is more than three months. Otherwise, the fee will be imposed after the person has been in institutional care for more than three months, and their functional capacity has deteriorated to the extent that they still need to be treated in the institution.

The fee for long-term institutional care is calculated on the same basis as the long-term family care fee.

Short-term inpatient care

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Regulation 12 of the Decree on Client Fees lays down provisions on fees for short-term institutional care. The daily fee for short-term inpatient care increases the fee cap. After the payment ceiling has been exceeded, the services included in the payment ceiling are free of charge until the end of the relevant calendar year. Institutional care may, however, be subject to a charge for the maintenance of the service user after the payment ceiling has been exceeded.

Provisions on day care and night care fees are laid down in Section 13 of the Decree on Client Fees. Persons under 18 years of age are charged fees in a health centre or hospital or its operating unit for a maximum of seven days of care per calendar year.

**Fees for supported housing**

Supported housing is that arranged in a supported housing unit. The client will be charged another maintenance fee that includes the costs of materials and supplies for the unit services used by the client (cleaning, clothing maintenance, sauna), as well as the allocated costs of the common premises.

Other maintenance fee in all units for the services used by the client: €35/month

If the client uses the catering services provided by the unit, they will be charged for the actual meal expenses determined in the long-term housing service.

The client pays the rent for his/her residence in accordance with a separate lease agreement. The rent charged to the client must not exceed the maximum amount of housing expenses to be taken into account when calculating the housing benefit for the pensioner.

Housing training, housing-based practice, housing guidance

Housing guidance and support in being taken to the client's own home are free of charge.

A fee for temporary accommodation will be charged for the housing training / trial organised outside the home.

## Supervised daytime activities

Day activities in accordance with the Disability Services Act

Transport to day activities (Decree on Client Fees, section 6): No more than a fee corresponding to that for public transport available in the locality or other comparable reasonable fee shall be charged. In practice, the Matkahuolto bus fare / charge or public transport zone-based fare (KHO20:2020).

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In work and day activities in accordance with the Disability Services Act, a food service fee in accordance with the service provider's price list will be collected in accordance with the realised client fee.

Day and work activities for persons with intellectual disabilities as well as leisure activities for schoolchildren

Transport related to daytime activities in accordance with the Special Care Act is free of charge. If the client lives in housing organised by the wellbeing services county, the price of a meal day must not exceed €18.10 basic diet and €21.40 special diet.

In the case of work and day activities in accordance with the Act on Special Care and Holiday Care, a client fee will be charged for the catering services of Servica Oy in accordance with their implementation.

The fee is charged to a client over 16 years of age. No fee will be charged until the end of the year in which the client turns 16. Those receiving tube feeding will not be charged meal expenses. Day activities carried out remotely shall not be subject to any fees.

**Transportation services**Running errands, recreational trips

The price of a single ticket for public transport in use in the locality is charged as an excess for an individual journey. In practice, the bus fare / charge of Matkahuolto or the zone-based public transport fare (KHO20:2020).

The client is to pay the excess directly to the driver until 30 September 2023. As of 1 October 2023, the wellbeing services county will levy a deductible.

Work and studies

During study and work trips, the client pays a deductible fee of €1.30 / one-way trip. However, study trips for students in extended secondary education are free of charge until the end of the calendar year when the person turns 20. Trips exceeding 7 km are reimbursed.