

News Release



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Public Notice: Provider rate increases for 2019-2021

(Salem, Ore.) — Public notice is provided by the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services, on a rate change.

The Oregon Legislature provided the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) with \$30 million General Fund (approximately \$92 million total funds) for provider rate increases. The funding is to bring direct support professionals' wages as close as possible to \$15 per hour by the end of the 2019-21 biennium and implement new rate models over the course of the biennium.

Per legislative direction in Senate Bill 5026 and the related Budget Note ODDS will implement the following actions related to provider rates:

- Effective August 1, 2019, ODDS will implement a 4 percent increase in provider rates. This increase will total approximately \$6.4 million General Fund (about \$19.5 million total fund). This rate increase will go to: **Adult 24-Hour Residential Services; Agency Attendant Care; Day Support Activities, Community and Facility; Employment Path, Community and Facility; Small Group Employment and Supported Living.**
- Effective September 1, 2019, approximately \$4.6 million General Fund (approximately \$15.5 million total fund) will go to implement new rate models for **Children's Residential Services (group homes).**

Details about the change are available at

<http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/cm/ODDS-Expenditure-Guidelines.pdf>

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