



June 29, 2020

To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

I'm pleased to announce that we received permission to move forward with a provider rate increase on July 1, 2020.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature provided ODDS with \$30 million General Funds (approximately \$92 million total funds) for provider rate increases and to move into new rate models. The intent of the funding was to bring Direct Support Professional (DSP) wages as close as possible to \$15 per hour by the end of the 2019-21 biennium.

Last summer we announced [2019 rate increases](#). Approximately \$10 million GF remained available. Due to an unexpected data issue and COVID-19, transition to the new rate models has been postponed. Instead of implementing new rate models, ODDS will use the remainder of the funds for 5% rate increases to help bring up wages on July 1.

Starting July 1, 2020, the rates for the following services will increase by 5%:

- Day Support Activities
- Job Coaching
- Small Group Employment
- Attendant Care Support
- Discovery
- Supported Living
- Kids Foster Care
- Adult 24-hour (The temporary 10% rate increase granted to this group of providers to address COVID-19 ends on June 30, 2020. This 5% increase is not in addition to the temporary 10% increase.)

Two provider categories will receive increases for wages based on the collective bargaining agreement between SEIU and the state of Oregon:

- Adult Foster Care, at 7.15%
- Personal Support Workers, at \$0.77 per hour

We are grateful for approval to move ahead with these increases and expect this funding will benefit providers, Direct Support Professionals, Personal Support Workers and the individuals they support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lilia". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Lilia Teninty
Director
Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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