

## Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



Sept. 16, 2016

To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Below please find a letter to all employment providers who may be affected by upcoming changes to rates. Attached you will find the proposed rates that are based on the final Burns & Associates rate model. The detailed rate structure is online at: [http://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Rate-Models\\_Final.pdf](http://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Rate-Models_Final.pdf)

There will be a call with ODDS staff to answer questions about these changes on **Friday, Sept. 30 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** The number to call is 877-402-9757; Access Code: 1373581. The letter below explains the changes to rates in more detail.

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To Whom It May Concern:

You are receiving this notice because you have been identified as an employment provider who may be affected by upcoming changes to rates.

The Office of Developmental Disabilities Services has received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to change the rates for three services: Discovery, Job Coaching and Job Development. ODDS has already put these rate changes out for public review and held a number of stakeholder meetings in anticipation of CMS approving these rates. This is to notify you that the rates have been approved and are expected to go into effect Nov. 1 2016.

Discovery, Job Coaching and Job Development changes include condensing seven tiers into three categories. Tier 1 is now Category 1, Tiers 2-3 are now Category 2 and Tiers 4-6 are Category 3. Tier 7 is still an exception.

Discovery will now be paid based on three categories instead of one.

Job Coaching will continue to be paid based on hours that the individual works. There now will be three Job Coaching rates: Initial Job Coaching, which can last up to six months (this is not a change from current policy) and Ongoing Job Coaching, which will be time-limited to 18 months. If an individual needs Job Coaching after the initial six months and the ongoing 18 months (for a total of 24 months), then a Service Coordinator or Personal Agent can request Maintenance Job Coaching on an annual basis.

Job Development will also be based on three categories, and is being updated based on the provider assessment tool.

These new rates will fairly compensate providers and are in line with what CMS expects the state to be paying for these services. We want to recognize the extensive stakeholder involvement in this process and thank you for your feedback and patience as we worked to get approval from CMS.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lilia Teninty".

Lilia Teninty  
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Office of Developmental Disabilities Services