

Office of Developmental Disabilities

A message from Lilia Teninty, Director



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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

Many of you have been engaged in the past few months in the meetings regarding changes to our rate structure and waiver amendments. The proposed rates were posted for public comment from December 2015 through the end of January 2016.

Since many are planning their annual agency budgets at this time, I wanted to send everyone an update on where we are in this process.

ODDS is preparing to submit [Comprehensive and Support Services Waiver Amendments](#) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which will include proposed rate methodologies for Discovery, Job Development and Job Coaching. Once that is submitted, CMS has 90 days to review, but it can take longer if there are questions or concerns. ODDS will provide at least 30 day notice before implementing the rates once CMS approves. We don't expect that new rates for Job Development, Discovery and Job Coaching will be implemented before September 2016.

The other employment and day service proposed rate models developed by Burns & Associates have not been submitted to CMS and will not change as part of this amendment process.

For now, there is no change and the current rates remain the same as outlined in the Expenditure Guidelines, found here:

http://www.dhs.state.or.us/spd/tools/dd/cm/ss_exp_guide.pdf

Thank you for all of your hard work,
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