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To: All ODDS Providers, ODDS Staff, CDDPs, Brokerages and Stakeholders

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

The rate-setting models are ready for public comment. Your participation and input is important.

## **Background**

Providers and other stakeholders were involved in setting provider rates in 2007. The Great Recession and other pressures on government put a damper on rate changes since that time.

Rate models need to be updated to align with current economic realities. The models need to address wage pressures, expectations for service quality and safety, and competency and training requirements.

A stable and well-trained workforce is critical to the individuals we support. It helps ensure quality and continuity of services, individuals' health and safety, and maximum independence and integration into the community.

## **The rate-setting process**

The process included studying the current situation and what's needed. Several meetings were held with small groups of providers and a cost survey was sent to all providers to complete. It also included analysis of other available data.

Services included in the current rate-setting process are:

- Small Group Employment
- Employment Path

- Day Support Activity
- 24-Hour Residential
- Attendant Care
- Transportation
- Professional Behavior Services

Updated rates for Supported Living will be presented at a later date, tied to the in-home hour process we are developing as part of the Compass Project.

Stakeholder involvement in this process has been invaluable. We look forward to continual engagement of providers in the next stage.

### **Public comment period open through November 22**

ODDS is now seeking public comment on the draft rate models. These new rate models would, for the most part, increase rates. That will mean an increase in funding will likely be needed for ODDS to implement the rates in full. As a result, implementation will be contingent on the budget for ODDS.

ODDS has been assisted in these rate studies by the consulting firm Burns & Associates, Inc. (B&A). B&A established a website that includes the draft rate models and supporting documentation. B&A has also recorded a series of webinars to explain the draft rates. Links to these recordings are available through the website (link below).

ODDS is accepting comments on the proposals through November 22. Comments should be sent in writing to [ODDSRates@burnshealthpolicy.com](mailto:ODDSRates@burnshealthpolicy.com).

***If you or your organization is interested in commenting, please follow these steps:***

- Learn the details at: <http://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/ODDSRates>
- Submit comments:
  - Send via email no later than November 22 to [ODDSRates@burnshealthpolicy.com](mailto:ODDSRates@burnshealthpolicy.com)
  - Be as specific as possible in your suggestions
  - Submit any documentation that supports your position

ODDS will review all comments received and consider potential changes to the draft rate models before they are finalized. All comments will be considered before the rate models are finalized.

Thank you very much for your participation and input.

Sincerely,

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

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