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To: ODDS Stakeholders

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

Subject: ODDS Budget and Rate News

The Oregon Legislature recently passed the 2021-23 budget, which includes historic investments in the intellectual/developmental disabilities system. These investments in the ODDS workforce will help ensure we have a robust service system that provides quality supports to people with I/DD.

The 2021-23 legislatively approved budget allocates \$1.24 billion General Fund to ODDS. This allocation is about 20 percent above the 2019-21 legislatively adopted budget (LAB) and more than 10 percent increase over 2021-23 current service levels (CSL) in total funds.

These investments include more funding for Personal Support Workers and Adult Foster Home providers. It also includes fully funding provider rates effective July 1, 2022. In addition, we have approval to continue the 5 percent Covid-19 related increase past July 1, 2021. With funding approved in the budget, we will be adding a 3.2 percent increase to that as well. Currently, we expect these increases to remain in place until we move into the new rate models in July 2022.

For agency services this means:

- The 5 percent COVID-19 related increase will continue for services already receiving the increase and a few additional services will be added:
  - Adult 24-Hour Residential
  - Day Support Activities (DSA)

- Employment Path
- Job Coaching
- Small Group Employment
- Discovery
- Child 24-Hour Residential
- Children's Foster Care Services
- Behavioral Services
- Adult Supported Living
- Attendant Care Support
- The additional 3.2 percent increase to current rate models will also apply to the services listed above. This increase will go into effect starting July 1, 2021.
- For children's group home services, a permanent increase of 3.08 percent will also go into effect on September 1, 2021 to support the new training and reporting requirements in SB 710.
- Full funding for the new rate models will start with implementation on July 1, 2022. This funding will be critical to improving quality in our service system and will result in higher Direct Support Professional wages. A [study of Oregon's NCI Staff Stability report](#) done by Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) demonstrates the connection between higher wages and lower turnover in Oregon.

ODDS is finalizing adjustments to the group home rate models based on stakeholder input. In response to this feedback, we will also be looking closely at rates for agencies providing in-home services to ensure the rate accurately reflects the services provided under the category.

The new rates that will be implemented on July 1, 2022 with the new Service Groups include the following:

- Adult group home services
- Children's group home services will continue in the new rate model
- Day support activity (DSA) services
- Employment services
- Attendant care
- Supported living
- Non-medical transportation

More information on the impact of the new rates for providers and Service Groups for individuals supported by agency providers will be coming out in July.

These significant investments will have a positive impact on the lives of every Oregonian with I/DD. We are grateful to the Legislature for demonstrating their support for the I/DD workforce through this budget and to stakeholders and advocates for your active role in making this happen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lilia".

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