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To: ODDS Staff and Partners

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

Subject: July 1 rate model changes for ODDS services and supports

As part of the [Compass Project](#), designed to refine Oregon's developmental disabilities system to be more person-centered, ODDS is preparing to implement new rate models for most ODDS services effective July 1, 2022. These models reflect a significant, overall increase in funding for Oregon's intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) service system.

Like all human service providers, I/DD providers are currently struggling to hire and retain staff. While we expect this funding to help, we don't anticipate a quick resolution to these staffing challenges. We continue to work with providers and our community partners to stabilize a system that has been challenged by the pandemic.

To maintain support for providers, ODDS is seeking permission from CMS to continue the temporary emergency 5 percent COVID-19 rate increase for an additional 90 days after July 1, 2022. A few services will be excluded: supported living, 1:1 attendant care (in-home) and transportation.

ODDS is working to offer one-time transition funding to those provider agencies most impacted by implementation of the service groups and new rates. That funding will not be for all providers. We are working through internal processes to offer that funding and will provide more information as soon as we can.

For more information on exceptions, I strongly encourage participation in the Compass technical assistance calls regarding exceptions. Details are available in this [transmittal](#).

In addition, ODDS is regularly updating the Compass Project Trainings, and a list of recorded and upcoming trainings are listed in this [transmittal](#).

I know transitions and change are difficult, no matter how long we have worked on them. I appreciate your patience and partnership as we work through implementation of this significant step in the overall Compass project.

Sincerely,

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Lilia Teninty  
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