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To: Case Management Entities (CMEs) and Providers for group homes, employment and day support activities
Subject: Add-on of 5% COVID-19 rate increase for exceptions and add-ons
From: Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)

In a [message on June 23](#), 2022, ODDS announced that it will continue the 5% COVID-19 increase on July 1, 2022, for an additional 90 days.

Provider agencies will not see or receive the 5% COVID-19 rate increase until later in July for the following exceptions or add-ons:

- Adult group home
- Employment
- Day support activities (DSA)

Later this month, ODDS will retroactively apply the rate increase to July 1, 2022, and extend it through September for approved exceptions. ODDS will communicate to providers who support an individual with an approved exception or add-on when the retroactive rate increase has been completed.

Please note: At this time, the funding memo that identifies a person's exception or add-on amount does not include the COVID-19 rate increase. Upon completion of the retroactive rate increase and communication, all approved exceptions or add-on funding memos will include the COVID-19 rate increase.

Children who live in a group home and who have an approved exception or add-on will continue to receive the COVID-19 rate exception or add-on

through September 2022. The rate increase is already entered in the exception and add-on rates.

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