

## From p.18 of the current CME reopening guide:

### Rate Exceptions

~~CMEs can continue submitting COVID-19 rate exceptions using [this form](#) when a person residing in an ODDS licensed or certified foster home or 24-hour residential setting requires additional support as a result of COVID-19 circumstances.~~

**Effective May 1, 2021 all exception requests, including COVID-19-related exceptions, must be submitted using the DHS 0514DD Form and sent to [ODDS.FundingReview@dhs.ohio.gov](mailto:ODDS.FundingReview@dhs.ohio.gov). The “COVID-19 Related Temporary Residential Setting Rate Exception Request” form will no longer be available for use. It will not be accepted beginning May 1, 2021. Exception requests submitted on or after May 1, 2021 on it will be returned.**

**Residential rates that were previously extended during the pandemic emergency to avoid a reduction must be updated to reflect the service rate based on the individual’s most current needs assessment or rate setting tool.**

**Service rates extended under the pandemic policy that should have otherwise been reduced, based on the most recent assessment or rate setting tools (occurring prior to May 1, 2021), must have the rate updated in eXPRS to reflect the lower rate effective no later than July 1, 2021.**

- ODDS will identify 24-Hour Residential Setting Rates that were extended and update eXPRS. ODDS will notify the providers of the rate changes.**
- CDDPs will identify foster care setting rates that were extended, make the payment system updates, and provide notification to the providers.**

**Please Note: A provider may not issue a notice of involuntary exit to an individual because of a rate reduction.**

When a Services Coordinator is aware of a situation where a COVID-related exception is no longer needed (such as pandemic-related, challenging behavior has decreased; or the individual has returned to work), or the rate needs to be updated to reflect the individual's support needs, the following actions should be taken:

- Services Coordinator gathers information and meets with the support team as needed to identify the individual's current support needs
- When the exception appears to no longer be needed, the SC emails ODDS Funding Review with an explanation of why the exception is no longer needed and the date it was determined that the exception was no longer needed.
- If the request is for an adjustment to a rate (as opposed to ending a rate exception) to a COVID-19-related exception), then the SC will submit an updated exception request reflecting the current exceptional support needs to ODDS Funding Review.
- ODDS Funding Review will make a determination and issue notification.