

Information Memorandum Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

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Subject: DD Service Rate Increases to Implement the remaining \$10 million GF approved in the 19-21 Legislative Approved Budget

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
- Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}
- Aging and People with Disabilities
- Self Sufficiency Programs
- County DD program managers
- ODDS Children's Residential Services
- Child Welfare Programs
- County Mental Health Directors
- Health Services
- Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
- ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services
- Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
- Other (*please specify*): DD Brokerages, DD Agency Providers; DD Children's Foster Care Providers

Message: In support of implementing the remaining \$10million in General Funds that had been approved in the 2019-21 biennium Legislative Approved Budget, ODDS will implement rate increases for additional services provided to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, effective July 1, 2020.

Please note: the additional rate increase percentage listed below applies to the individual's rate that was in place **PRIOR** to any temporary rate adjustment related to the COVID-19 health crisis.

The services that will receive a rate increase are:

Service Name	Service codes	% Increase	Providers Impacted
Adult 24-hour GH	SE50 / ORAGH	5%	DD Agency GH Providers
Supported Living	SE51 / ORSLV	5%	DD Agency Supported Living Providers

Children's Foster Care	SE258 / ORCFC	5%	DD Children's Foster Care Providers
Day Support Activities	OR542/W1 OR542/W2 OR542/R1 OR542/ZE	5%	DD Agency Providers
Employment Path	OR541/W1 OR541/W2 OR541/WB OR541/WC	5%	DD Agency Employment Providers
Job Coaching	OR401/W5 OR401/W6 OR401/W4	5%	DD Agency Employment Providers
Sm Group Employment	OR543/W2	5%	DD Agency Employment Providers
Attendant Care	OR526/NA OR526/RB OR526/ZE	5%	DD Agency Providers
On-the-Job Attendant Care	OR545/NA OR545/ZE	5%	DD Agency Providers
Discovery	OR539/WA	5%	DD Agency Employment Providers

ODDS and the eXPRS IT team will facilitate the implementation of this rate increase to existing Client Prior Authorizations (CPAs) and POC Service Prior Authorizations (SPAs) through a systemized process. This means that CDDP and Brokerage program staff will not have to manually adjust and apply the rate increase **to existing CPAs or SPAs** already in eXPRS for the targeted services/provider types impacted.

CDDP and Brokerage staff **should not** update any existing authorization for services listed above or **add new authorizations** until the rate increase work is fully completed. **Adding or making authorization updates will negatively impact the rate increase process and require additional work by the CMEs.**

This systemized rate increase process is scheduled to be completed by end of the day on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

The not-to-exceed (NTE) rate table entries for these services have been updated in eXPRS to facilitate this rate increase work.

CDDP and Brokerage staff entering CPAs or POC SPAs for these services with date

ranges that cross from 6/30/2020 to 7/1/2020 in the future may receive a validation error, as the date range of the authorization crosses the rate update date-break. That validation error information is:

ERROR MESSAGE:	WHAT IT MEANS:	HOW TO FIX IT:
<p><i>Your request could not be completed because: No positive ranked continuous rate for service element [xxx] procedure code [OR***] modifier code [W*] between [mm/dd/yyyy and mm/dd/yyyy]</i></p>	<p>The NTE rate table entry for the POC procedure/modifier code combination has a date break that falls within the date range of the SPA created. Since there is no continuous applicable NTE rate table entry for that procedure/modifier code combination, the SPA must be broken up into date ranges that align with the NTE rate table entry date ranges/breaks.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust the SPA(s) date range(s) to align with the NTE rate table date ranges, and then use the rate that applies for each separate SPA date range.

If CDDP or Brokerage staff encounter this error when entering and/or submitting CPAs or SPAs for services impacted by the rate increase, adjustments to the CPA or SPA date range(s) will be needed to align with the rate increase dates.

- CPAs or SPAs with the current rate (as of June 2020) should end on 6/30/2020.
- CPAs or SPAs with the updated rate (using the pre-COVID rate + applicable % increase) should begin on 7/1/2020 or later.

The ODDS Policy team will update the ODDS Expenditure Guidelines to reflect the rate increases.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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