Policy Transmittal
Developmental Disabilities Services

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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

☐ New policy  ☐ Policy change  ☐ Policy clarification  ☐ Executive letter  ☑ Other: Temporary rate increase due to COVID-19

☐ Administrative Rule  ☐ Manual update

Due date:

Applies to (check all that apply):

☐ All DHS employees  ☐ County Mental Health Directors
☐ Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type}  ☐ Health Services  ☑ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
☐ Aging and People with Disabilities  ☑ Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS)
☐ Self Sufficiency Programs  ☒ ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services
☒ County DD program managers  ☑ ODDS Children’s Residential Services  ☐ Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)
☒ Support Service Brokerage Directors  ☐ Child Welfare Programs  ☐ Other (please specify): DD residential group home

Policy/rule title: Temporary DD 24-hour residential provider rate increase

Policy/rule number(s): Release number: v1

Effective date: 04/01/2020  Expiration date: 06/30/2020

References:

Web address:

Discussion/interpretation:
Effective April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, Developmental Disability (DD) Medicaid Certified licensed and endorsed 24-hour residential setting providers will receive an additional 10% increase to current service rates due to the increased costs that are being incurred as a result of COVID-19.

These additional costs are tied to expectations that include maintaining the critical
Direct Support Professional workforce, enhanced and required visitor screenings and restrictions, purchasing additional infection control materials and implementing expanded prevention protocols, and working to acquire needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The 10% rate increase is specific to 24-hour residential group home providers (children – SE142 and adults – SE50)

**Implementation/transition instructions:**
24-hour residential setting providers delivering services, who are eligible for the legislatively approved rate increase, will have their accepted authorizations automatically changed effective 4/1/2020. Service rates as of 4/1/2020 will be increased 10% through 6/30/2020. Authorizations whose original end date is beyond 6/30/2020 will be reestablished to match the appropriate end date with the original rate.

If you have questions, please contact your FAC.

**Training/communication plan:**
Please register for the April Provider Expectations and Responsibilities Around COVID-19 - Webinar at 2 pm on April 16, 2020 at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7518400443284415756

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**Local/branch action required:**
If the authorization ends prior to 6/30/2020 the CMEs will need to extend any authorizations needed manually. Rate updates will begin the evening of 4/7/2020 and continue until all rates are updated. If a claim has processed prior to the rate change the claim will update automatically.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  □ Yes   ✗ No

If yes, reviewed by:

**Filing instructions:**

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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