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MEMO

To: Developmental Disabilities Services Directors
From: Amy Roth, Assistant Director, DDS
Re: Instructions for use of funds related to Rate Increase for DAs and SSAs
Date: 7.9.21

The Legislature has allocated additional funds for Developmental Disabilities Services for FY22 to cover the cost of 1) a rate increase for Designated and Specialized Service Agencies and 2) increased wages to comply with the new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for Independent Direct Support Providers. Below are the instructions for adjusting individual HCBS budgets related to these increases.

Rate Increase for Designated and Specialized Service Agencies

Home and Community-based Services

Designated and Specialized Service Agencies will be receiving a 3% rate increase to allocations for FY22. The FY22 increase shall be applied to Home and Community-based Services. For HCBS, the funds may be used at the discretion of the agency with the exception that it may **not** be applied to any services provided by independent direct care providers who are covered by the CBA. Agencies are also required to increase the rates for Shared Living Providers by 3%. Agencies may increase the service coordination rate to a maximum of \$52.53/hour for agency delivered service coordination and \$37.08 for self/family managed service coordination. The maximum allowable for accessible transportation is increased to \$6,669/year. All allocations for HCBS will be included in your FY22 beginning DS HCBS allocation effective 7/1/21.

There was \$8,434,927 appropriated to DAIL in the FY22 Budget Bill described as a 3% increase. That number combines two calculations and two separate increases. The first being a 3% PMPM rate increase in the amount of \$6,784,927. The second being a 3% increase to Shared Living Providers in the amount of \$1,650,000.

The 3% rate increase amount of \$6.78M will be allocated to each provider proportionately based on each provider's beginning FY22 DS HCBS allocation.

The \$1.65M increase for SLPs will be allocated to each provider based on their proportionate share of the system wide SLP total (in allocated funding) reported on DS waiver spreadsheets. This amount will

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be added to each provider's beginning allocation along with the 3% rate increase amount. The result of the combination of both increases will be closer to a final increase of 4% to PMPM rates rather than a 3%. However, due to the manner in which the funds were allocated, the maximum increases for service coordination and accessible transportation are set at 3%. The minimum increase to the Shared Living rates is 3%.

Other DDS program

Please note that the 3% rate increase will also be applied to Targeted Case Management with an increase from \$51.00 to \$52.53. The rate increase will also be applied to PASRR Specialized Day Services and Bridge Care Coordination. Agencies have already received FY 2022 Bridge allocations that include the 3% increase. DDSD Specialists who conduct PASRR will contact you regarding the rate increases to PASRR Specialized Services.

Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

You previously received information about the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Independent Direct Support Workers change to the hourly rate for FY 2022. The 3% rate increase may not be applied to services provided by those independent direct support workers. Separate funding has been allocated to allow for increases to cover the minimum wage requirements of the CBA. DDSD is reviewing the spreadsheets your agencies have submitted to enable compliance with the CBA.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these instructions.

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