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**Operations Center Memo 2022-07**

**TO:** Purchase of Services Contracted Private Providers

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**SUBJECT:** FY2021 Financial Reporting Requirements

All residential, day and/or clinical support providers that expended financial compensation from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and/or other state agencies equal to or in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) during the 2021 fiscal year are subject to financial reporting requirements. The following is a guideline on which reports must be completed and the timeline for submission.

**Financial Audit Requirement Changes in FY2021**

Entities that received “loan forgiveness” grant funding from the paycheck protection program (PPP) under the CARES Act, P.L. 116-136 or the Paycheck Program Flexibility Act of 2020, P.L. 116-142 are to report such revenue to DDS. Providers are to report the PPP grants on the FY2021 annual cost report and, based on the legislation and legal’s interpretation, DDS will not cost settle any surplus attributable to the PPP grants. Revenue from PPP loans converted to grants are to be applied to expenses in DDS program and DSS room and Board worksheets as a revenue offset on the DDS Annual Report.

Entities who file State Single Audits must also submit a Reconciliation Form to show grant reporting calculations.

**Financial Audit Requirements**

Providers that received financial compensation for DDS participants of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) must submit one of the following:

- Providers that received financial compensation for DDS participants of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) but less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in FY2021

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are required to submit a report completed by a Certified Public Accountant detailing the provider's compliance with the standard DDS Agreed upon Procedures. Providers must submit the report to [DDS.OperationsCenter@ct.gov](mailto:DDS.OperationsCenter@ct.gov) no later than December 31, 2021.

- Non-Profit providers with a total financial compensation of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or more paid by any combination of a fiscal intermediary, a purchase of service contract for supports authorized by the Department of Developmental Services and all other revenue funded by State of Connecticut agencies shall submit a single audit for the fiscal year in accordance with the State Single Audit Act (Sections 4-230 through 4-236 of the Connecticut General Statutes). The State Single Audit Reports are due to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), who is the cognizant agency for DDS. Providers must electronically submit the report by December 31, 2021 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, unless an exemption or extension was granted by OPM.

For additional information, including State Single Audit Reporting, please refer to the Provider Fiscal Reporting Guidance document.

As noted above, Providers must complete a State Single Audit Reconciliation and upload it to the Meyers and Stauffer website.

- For-Profit providers (including LLC's, Sole Proprietors, Partnerships, S-Corporations, and C corporations) with a total financial compensation of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or more by a fiscal intermediary and/or a purchase of service contract for supports authorized by the Department of Developmental Services must submit a financial audit for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 along with a management letter and audit recommendations. By December 31, 2021, the audit must be submitted to [DDS.OperationsCenter@ct.gov](mailto:DDS.OperationsCenter@ct.gov) at DDS Central Office. Financial audits for a time period other than the State of Connecticut fiscal year must receive prior approval from the Operations Center.

For additional information, please refer to Provider Fiscal Reporting Guidance document.

#### **Financial Reporting Requirement:**

Providers that received financial compensation for DDS participants of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) must submit one of the following:

- A provider that received a total financial compensation for supports authorized by the Department of Developmental Services in FY2021 of more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and the financial compensation from the Purchase of Service contract was less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall prepare and deliver an End of Year Expense Report for fiscal year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. The End of the Year Expense Report can be found on the DDS Website. The report must be electronically filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2021 to your assigned Operation Center provider specialist.
- A provider that received financial compensation of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or more through a purchase of service contract are required to file the 2021 Annual Report of Residential and Day Services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The report must be uploaded to the Myers and Stauffer website no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2021.

### **Annual Report Requirements:**

Providers that are required to submit the FY2021 Annual Report of Residential and Day Services must submit one of the following:

- For-Profit (including LLC's, Sole Proprietors, Partnerships, S-Corporations, and C corporations) providers are required to submit an Annual Report that has been certified by a Certified Public Accountant.
- Non-Profit providers are required to submit a Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Annual Report of Residential and Day Services. The Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Annual Report of Residential and Day Services is included in the 2021 Annual Report download. The reconciliation assures the State of Connecticut that the expenses reported in the Annual Report are based on the audited costs reported in the Financial Statements. The reconciliation must be electronically submitted no later than December 31, 2021.

If the Annual Report is filed late, Regulation Sec. 17-313b-4 notes that for each day that the ACOR (Annual Report of Residential and Day Services) is not filed, a penalty shall be assessed. The Commissioner may approve a request for an extension to the filing date only if he deems that extraordinary circumstances will prevent the timely filing of the Cost Report. The request for an extension should be sent to the attention of the DDS Commissioner in writing prior to October 15, 2021. It is recommended that the request be submitted as soon as the extraordinary circumstances are identified. Approved annual report submission extensions will be effective no earlier than the date the request was received by the department.

### **Financial Reporting Requirements For Agencies with a Purchase of Service Contract That Received Financial Compensation less than \$100,000**

An agency with a Purchase of Service contract that received financial compensation less than \$100,000 is required to file an End of Year Expense Report for fiscal year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 to your assigned provider specialist no later than October 15, 2021.

### **Financial Reporting Requirements For Agencies with a Total Financial Reimbursement of Less Than \$100,000 by a Fiscal Intermediary**

None.

### **Executive Director Maximum Salary Reimbursement**

PA No. 07-238, Sec. 7 (Exec. Director Salary Cap) was signed by the Governor on July 11, 2007. The FY2021 maximum allowable salary reimbursement by DDS for the executive director of an agency is \$101,000.

### **Related Party Disclosure**

Related Party Disclosure: The provider shall comply with the related party disclosure and reporting requirements established by the department. "Related Parties" means persons or organizations related through marriage, ability to control, ownership, family or business association. Past exercise or influence or control need not be shown, only the potential or ability to directly or indirectly exercise influence or control. Whenever costs are incurred between related parties, allowable costs shall be defined as and limited to the cost to the related party. The related party principle applies to any transaction between a provider and a related party, including but not limited to one time or multiple transactions involving services or supplies and one time sales or lease of the facility itself. Related party transactions must be identified as such in the Annual Report or the Attachment D and the unallowable portion excluded in the

appropriate section of the cost report. All Related Party transactions must be approved by the DDS Ethics Committee on a yearly basis. Transactions over \$2,500 must receive approval from the Ethics Committee before the cost is incurred.

**Reporting related party transactions on the annual report does not replace the need to submit a request for prior approval from DDS in conformance to the DDS Ethics Protocols.**

#### **Adherence to the OPM Cost Standards**

Providers are to report costs based on the OPM costs standards. The standards define and enumerate allowable and unallowable costs, including Administrative and General (A&G) costs, and require documentation of all allowable administrative costs in a formal cost allocation plan. Here is the link to the Cost Standards:

<https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/Fin-POS/Standards/POS-Cost-Standards>

#### **Administrative Vehicle Limit**

The DDS limit for the vehicle lease/loan/rental payment of each administrative vehicle is \$4,800 per year. The limit applies to the annual payment for the acquisition of the vehicle exclusive of gas and maintenance costs. Effective as of FY2014, costs over the \$4,800 limit are disallowed and no exceptions will be granted.