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**To:** DDS Qualified Providers

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**Subject:** Updated Funding Guidelines

As noted in [Operations Center Memo FY23-17](#), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) recently implemented a number of rate increases, which are retroactive to July 1, 2022.

In addition to the above referenced rate increases, there are some additional recent rates increases with different effective dates, as outlined below:

- 1) **Remote Supports:** Effective 1/1/2023
- 2) **Self-Hire Minimum Rates (CBA):** Effective 1/1/2023
- 3) **Community Companion Home:** Effective 1/1/2023
- 4) **Assistive Technology Cap (for Term of Waiver):** Effective 2/1/2023
- 5) **Home Modification Cap (for Term of Waiver):** Effective 2/1/2023
- 6) **Vehicle Modification Cap (for Term of Waiver):** Effective 2/1/2023
- 7) **Benchmark Payments for ISE (Rate Increase):** Effective 3/1/2023
- 8) **Customized Employment/Communication Barrier Mitigation:** Effective 5/1/2023
- 9) **Working Interview Employment Incentive:** Effective 6/1/2023
- 10) **Camp Rates:** Effective 6/1/2023

There is also recognition that Individualized Day Supports (IDS) and Individual Supported Employment (SEI) increased at a proportionally higher rate than the LON funding caps, which increased in line with the Group Day Service rates. In order to ensure that individuals do not have a decrease in service hours for IDS or SEI, the number of IDS and SEI hours that an individual is eligible for has been increased to the number of hours the individual would have been eligible for prior to the recent rate increases.

For example:

- Prior to the recent rate increases, an individual with a LON score of 3 would have been eligible for 8.2 hours of SEI, based on funding related to their LON cap of \$22,626 and the SEI rate of \$55/hour.
- With the new rates, the individual would have only been eligible for 7.2 hours of SEI, based on the new SEI rate of \$68.76 and LON 3 cap of \$24,678.
- This update allows the individual to receive the same 8.2 hours of SEI they would have received prior to the increased rates, at the new SEI rate of \$68.76/hour.

The updated Funding Guidelines contain several tables which illustrate how many hours of SEI or IDS an individual may be eligible for, based on their LON funding cap.

Please direct any questions to your Regional Resource Management contact.