



State of Connecticut
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Operations Memo 2024-02

To: Purchase of Service Contracted Private Providers

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Date: October 16, 2023

RE: Submission Date of the FY 2023 Annual Report of Day and Residential Services
Electronic Submission Process for the FY2023 Annual Report
FY2023 Annual Reporting Requirements
Items of Note for the FY2023 Annual Report for Residential and Day Services

- 1) **Submission Deadline**- The submission date for the FY2023 Annual Report for Residential and Day Services has been extended to **November 30, 2023**.
- 2) **Electronic Submission Process for the FY2023 Annual Report** - For FY2023, providers will log onto the Myers & Stauffer's website and download the annual report Excel Spreadsheet along with the Aid for Preparing the Annual Report. Once complete, the provider will upload the FY2023 Annual Report and any required DDS and DSS documentation. Each download and upload will be considered a single event allowing both the provider and DDS to track all activity on the website.
- 3) **FY2023 Annual Reporting Requirements** –
 - a. Financial Reporting Requirement: An agency that has received financial compensation of \$300,000 or more through a Purchase of Service contract is required to electronically submit the 2023 Annual Report of Residential and Day Services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The report must be uploaded to the Myers and Stauffer website no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 30, 2023.
 - b. For-profit providers (including LLC's, Sole Proprietors, Partnerships, S-Corporations, and C corporations) are required to submit an Annual Report that has been audited by a CPA.
 - c. Non-profit providers are required to electronically submit the 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 form is included in the FY2023 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, 2023.
 - d. 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

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Commissioner may approve a request for an extension to the filing date 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 DDS.OperationsCenter@ct.gov mailbox prior to November 30, 2023. DDS will make every effort to review all extension requests in a timely manner but makes no assurance that a request will be reviewed before the submission deadline. 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.

- e. For-profit providers (including LLC's, Sole Proprietors, Partnerships, S-Corporations, and C corporations) are required to submit Audited Financial Statements along with a management letter and audit recommendations to the Operations Center at DDS Central Office no later than December 31, 2023.

4) Changes to the FY2023 Annual Report:

- a. There have been 2 changes to the language on pages 3 and 4 of the Annual Report for Residential and Day Services. (Certification by Independent Public Accountants Independent Auditor's Report and Certification by Independent Public Accountants Compliance Statement). This updated language reflects updates in the Statement of Auditing Standards 134 (SAS 134).
- b. There are no other material changes to the Annual Report for Residential and Day Services.

5) Items of Note for the FY 2023 Annual Report for Residential and Day Services - The following is a list of items to be aware of when completing the FY 2023 Annual Report. Please consult the instructions included with the download for additional information regarding the Annual Report.

- a. The provider must have a separate cost center for each CLA and/or CRS home.
- b. The provider must have a separate cost center for each program type (CCH, IHS, Personal Support, Companion Services, Parent Support, Shared Living, ISE, GSE, DSO, IDN/IDV, Pre-Vocational, HCC, Clinical Behavioral Supports, and Adult Day Health). The costs for transportation specific authorizations should be included in the support category for which the participant is transported to. The support categories of ISE, GSE, DSO, Pre-Vocational, and IDN/IDV will fall under the Summary of Day spreadsheet. The support categories of IHS, personal support, companion services, parent support, shared living, clinical behavioral supports and healthcare coordination will fall under the Summary of IHS spreadsheet.
- c. ARPA HCBS- The Revenue Spreadsheet has line 1. Q1 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) HCBS FY2022 Expenses. Include all types of ARPA HCBS money received in FY 2023. Only the revenue that was used for ARPA HCBS expensed in FY2023 should be included on this line.
- d. A single one page Uniform Chart of Accounts report had been added that converts the existing accounts on the Annual Report into a one page summary for the Uniform Chart of Accounts.
- e. Summary of Day Expenses includes an additional line on the annual report to include the total number of hours provided for all hourly service authorizations. Providers will continue to separately report on the number of days provided for all per diem authorizations.
- f. The Executive Director's Salary Supplemental Disclosure Schedule is no longer optional. All providers must complete this form. The form has been revised to account for multistate providers and the allocation of the Connecticut portion of the Executive Director's salary. The total allowable salary amount has been increased to \$125,000.00.
- g. As a reminder, all maintenance salary and benefits or any other costs related to the maintenance of a CLA must be reported on the DSS Room and Board pages. CLA maintenance costs found to be included in the DDS portion of the report will be disallowed and **NOT** included in your DDS cost settlement.
- h. Non-profit providers shall reinvest retained savings in DDS funded programs per the June 7, 2022 Office of Policy and Management Nonprofit Incentive program memorandum. Retained savings will be the difference between the total DDS revenue reported on the Payment Letter for FY 2023 prepared by DDS Operations Center minus the total allowable DDS expenses reported on the FY 2023 Annual Report for all DDS programs. For-profit providers are not included in the incentive program for FY 23 expenses.
- i. The allowable limit for lease/loan/rental payments for each administrative vehicle is \$4,800 per year. This applies to the annual payment for the acquisition of the vehicle exclusive of gas and maintenance costs.
- j. **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.** The allowability of costs associated with all related party transactions are subject to additional review as part of the Annual Report review process.

- k. 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: http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2981&Q=382994&opmNav_GID=1806.
- l. CLA providers are to clearly identify the total cash advance amount funded by DDS for all CLA's on their financial statements as a liability under the name "DDS Cash Advance.