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To: DDS Qualified Providers

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RE: Updated Funding Guidelines

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is releasing updated funding guidelines effective for dates of service 7/1/22 and after. The updated funding guidelines encompass the elements described below.

The enacted biennial budget for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 (Special Act 21-15) and the implementer language (section 341 of June 2021 Special Session, Public Act 21-2) provides funding for wage increases and enhanced benefits for Department of Developmental Services (DDS) funded private providers. The updated funding guidelines support providers increasing employee minimum wages to \$17.25 per hour, a 3% increase for employees making more than the minimum, and related Federal Insurance Contributions Act, workers compensation, and unemployment insurance expenses.

The updated funding guidelines also support services that have become more difficult to deliver. In order to address emergencies and individuals on the wait list, certain service types have received an increase to preserve long-term capacity.

Finally, DDS is engaged in a system transformation process with all stakeholders and supported by ARPA HCBS funds. This transformation process is, in part, intended to help individuals move toward more integrated and independent service types. In order to continue to pave this path for the future of the service system, certain service types have received an increase to ensure viability and sustainability.

Thank you for your partnership. Please reach out to your provider specialist with any questions.

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