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**To:** DDS Qualified Providers  
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**CC:** Elisa Velardo, Deputy Commissioner, Scott McWilliams, Chief of Fiscal/Administrative Services, Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors, Resource Administrators  
**Date:** July 25, 2022  
**Subject:** Senior Support Rate Increase and Updated Funding Guidelines

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) notified Qualified Providers in December 2020 via [Operations Center Memo FY21-07 Employment and Day Rates](#) of an increase to community based day rates and a decrease to in-home group programs provided in a CLA/CRS (ie Senior Supports). The decreased Senior Support rate was only in effect from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at which time the Senior Support rates were once again aligned with other group day program rates.

Please find updated Funding Guidelines for your reference. Please also note that the rates referenced below are not related to Minimum Wage or Enhanced Benefit Pool increases. Additional information regarding Minimum Wage and Benefit Pool funding will be sent at a later date.

Some changes to note on the updated Funding Guidelines are as follows:

- 1) **Senior Supports:** Effective 7/1/2021- Included in Group Day services, since rates are aligned
- 2) **Customized Employment:** Effective 7/1/2022 – New Service
- 3) **Individualized Home Supports/Personal Supports:** Effective 5/1/2022 - Rate increase
- 4) **Self Hire Rates:** Effective 7/1/2022 – New Rates, primarily due to Collective Bargaining Agreement
- 5) **Working Interview - Individual Wages:** Effective 7/1/2022 - Are now aligned with ADS rates

Please direct any questions to your Regional Resource Management contact.