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To: DDS Qualified Providers
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Subject: Updated Funding Guidelines

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is issuing updated funding guidelines to reflect several changes incorporated into the FY 2026 rates (Effective March 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted). In addition to a few minor formatting changes, please note the following:

- **Overnight Camp** rate structure has changed to a per diem rate.
  - Camp per diem is defined as 10 or more hours of service in a calendar day.
- **Working Interview – Individual Wages** have increased in line with the CT Minimum Wage increase that went into effect on January 1, 2026.
- **Assistive Technology Assessments** can now be billed for up to 20 hours, broken down as described below:
  - Up to 15 hours for assessment, training and setup.
  - Up to 5 hours for Post Assessment check-in (to cover 2 check-ins).
- **Assistive Technology Administrative Fees** have been split into either a Small Administrative Fee or a Large Administrative fee.
  - The small admin fee is similar to the current admin fee. It may be billed once per bundled vendor invoice. A vendor may receive no more than four small admin fees for a given assessment. The renewal of an annual subscription for an AT service may qualify for a single small admin fee per year.
  - The large admin fee is present to protect providers who conduct extensive work but only purchase from a small number of vendors. Providers who conduct assessments with large numbers of items but who utilize only a small number of vendors may still qualify for the maximum amount of admin fee by using the Large Admin Fee option.

Another memo with additional detail regarding Assistive Technology will be sent soon. Please direct any questions regarding Assistive Technology to: DDS.AssistiveTechnology@ct.gov