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Operations Memo 2026-27

To: DDS Qualified Providers
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Date: April 2, 2026

Subject: $5 Million Residential Funding for FY 27

As noted in Operations Memo 2026-08, the legislature supported a significant investment in the long-term services and support sector through private provider rate increases. Part of this investment is a $5 million pool distributed to DDS residential union and non-union private providers to enhance worker wages and benefits. Provider reporting on the use of these funds will be included in the FY 27 Annual Report.

Any residential provider wishing to opt out of receiving this funding must complete the FY 27 Residential Funding Opt Out Form by April 10, 2026.

As this $5 million is being incorporated into the service rates, any provider who opts out of this funding will be paid for services at a rate below the service rates indefinitely.