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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Developmental Disabilities Administration
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To: DDA Companion Home and Alternative Living Services Providers

Subject: **Temporary** Rate Increase

The federal government increased Federal Match Assistance Percentages (FMAP) for Washington State. This is added in the form of a temporary rate increase for Companion Home and Alternative Living Services providers as follows:

Alternative Living Services Providers: Your temporary **hourly** rate will increase by 22%. Effective April 1st, this rate will be \$26.22. This increased reimbursement will end on June 30th, 2020.

Companion Home Services Providers: Your temporary **daily** rate will increase by 22% effective April 1st, 2020. This increased reimbursement will end on June 30th, 2020.

The intent of the funds is to address any supplies or unique expenses you may incur due to the emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

At this time we do not know the actual end date for the rate increase. This increase in federal funding is provided for each calendar quarter through the end of this pandemic as determined by the federal government. The enhanced FMAP is available until the last day of the calendar quarter in which the emergency is declared. When we know the actual date the enhanced FMAP will end, we will notify you in writing. At a minimum, the rate increase will continue through June 2020.

Since the enhanced funding (FMAP) is to start from the first of the year, the rate increase from April to June will be a higher amount as we are capturing the six months (January – June 2020) increase over the current three month quarter (April – June). If the enhanced FMAP continues for the calendar quarter starting July 01, your rate increase will be reduced to reflect the FMAP increase that is received for that quarter.

I appreciate your continued partnership and commitment to provide quality services for people with disabilities. Please do not hesitate to connect with Kelly Hampton if you have questions. Kelly can be reached at Kelly.Hampton@dshs.wa.gov or 360.763.2334.

Thank you,

Saif Hakim, Office Chief

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