



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Developmental Disabilities Administration
PO Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310

July 14, 2020

To: DDA Companion Home and Alternative Living Services Providers

Subject: **Temporary** Rate Increase

Funding is added as a temporary rate increase for Companion Home and Alternative Living Services providers from August 01 through September 30, 2020. The increase will be as follows:

Alternative Living Services Providers: Your temporary **hourly** reimbursement will increase by 18%. Benchmark rate will be \$25.36 for this period. This temporary increased reimbursement will end on September 30th, 2020.

Companion Home Services Providers: Your temporary **daily** rate will increase by 18%. This increased reimbursement will end on September 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.

Since the temporary rate increase is to start from July 1st 2020, the rate increase from August to September will be a higher amount as we are capturing the three months (July – September 2020) increase over a two month period (August – September).

I appreciate your continued partnership and commitment to provide quality services for people with disabilities. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at Olga.Lutsyk@dshs.wa.gov or 360.764.6155.

Thank you,

Olga Lutsyk, GTH/GH/CH/AL Program Manager

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