



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

July 16, 2020

To: DDA Children's Residential LSR and Group Care Facility Providers

Re: Temporary rate exceptions related to COVID-19 pandemic

Description of request:

From August 01 through September 30, 2020, funding is added as a temporary rate increase for LSR and Group Care Facility providers contracted to provide Voluntary Placement Services.

Description of Exception to Policy (ETP):

Licensed Staffed Residential Providers:

An Exception to DDA Policy 6.22, is being granted for all DDA LSR providers authorized to provide Voluntary Placement Services (VPS). This exception allows LSR providers to use the temporary additional funds provided to address costs impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The intent of the temporary rate increase funds is to address staffing, supplies, and other administrative/non-staff costs that the agency may incur to address the unique expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the LSR settings, these additional funds should eliminate the need to request any staff add-on or Cost of Care Adjustments (COCA's) related to COVID-19 expenditures. This increase is added in the form of a temporary rate increase to the total daily rate for each client.

Licensed Group Care Facility Providers:

DDA Group care Facilities supporting medically complex children will also receive a temporary rate add-on based upon DDA contract 1721-XP under Special Terms and Conditions outlined in Exhibit A. The intent of the add-on funds is to address staffing needs, additional supplies, and other administrative/non-staff costs that the agency may incur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the temporary rate increase is effective July 1, 2020, the rate increase from August to September 2020 will be a higher amount since we are capturing the three month

increase over a two month period.

These additional funds will be added into your contract with an effective date of August 1, 2020 in the form of a rate add-on equal to 18% of the Total Daily Rate of each client in your contract. The agency must maintain all records per the DDA policy. We are anticipating the change reflected in your exhibit and available to claim by August 1st, with an effective date of August 1st.

I appreciate your continued partnership and commitment to bring quality services to children and their families receiving Voluntary Placement Services. Please do not hesitate to connect with me if you have questions at Nichole.Jensen@dshs.wa.gov or 360.407.1521.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nichole Jensen".

Nichole Jensen

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