

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Developmental Disabilities Administration

PO Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310

September 21, 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 October 01 through December 31, 2020. The increase will be as follows:

Alternative Living Services Providers: Your temporary **hourly** reimbursement will increase by 11.5%. Benchmark rate will be \$23.96 for this period. This temporary increased reimbursement will end on December 31st, 2020.

Companion Home Services Providers: Your temporary daily rate will increase by 11.5%. This increased reimbursement will end on December 31st, 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.

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

cc: Residential Unit HQ

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