



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

December 11, 2020

To: DDA Children's Residential Licensed Staffed Residential (LSR) and Group Care Facility Providers

Re: Temporary rate exceptions related to COVID-19 pandemic

Description of request:

From January 01 through March 31st, 2021, funding is added as a temporary rate increase for LSR and Group Care Facility providers contracted to provide Voluntary Placement Services.

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 associated by the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of the temporary rate increase funds is for staffing, supplies, and other administrative/non-staff costs that the agency may incur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This increase is added in the form of a temporary rate increase to the 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 for staffing needs, additional supplies, and other administrative/non-staff costs that the agency may incur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective January 1, 2021, these additional funds are authorized as a rate add-on equal to 11.3% of the Total Daily Rate of each client in your contract. The agency must maintain all records per DDA policy.

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,

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Children's Residential and Crisis Services Unit Manager

cc: VPS Resource Managers; VPS Coordinators; Office of Rates Management