



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

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To: DDA Children's Residential Licensed Staffed Residential and Group Care Facility providers

Re: Temporary rate exceptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic

Description of request:

Beginning April 1 and through June 30, 2021, funding is added as a temporary rate increase for Licensed Staffed Residential (LSR) and Group Care Facility providers contracted for 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. The exception allows LSR providers to use the temporary additional funds for those unique costs incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic such as staffing, supplies, and other administrative/non-staff costs that the agency may incur. This increase is added in the form of a temporary rate add-on to the daily rate for each client in the contract.

Licensed Group Care Facility providers:

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

The additional funds will remain in provider's contracts through June 30, 2021 and will be allocated as a rate add-on equal to 11.3% of the total daily rate of each client in the 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. You may also contact your regional resource manager.

Thank you,

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Children's Residential and Crisis Services Unit Manager

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