

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

March 15, 2021

To: DDA Children's Residential Child Foster Home providers

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

Beginning April 1 and through June 30, 2021, DDA Child Foster Home providers contracted for voluntary placement services will receive a temporary rate add-on based on DDA contract 1718-XP under Special Terms and Conditions outlined in Exhibit A. The intent of the additional funds is to address increased support, supplies, and other costs the provider may incur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These additional funds will be authorized until June 30, 2021 as a rate add-on equal to 11.3% of the total specialized rate of each DDA enrolled client supported in the Voluntary Placement Services program.

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 contact me if you have questions at <u>Nichole.Jensen@dshs.wa.gov</u> or 360.407.1521. You can also contact your regional resource manager.

Sincerely,

Nichole Jensen

Nichole Jensen DDA Children's Residential and Crisis Services Unit Manager