



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

September 29, 2021

To: DDA Staffed Residential Home and Group Care Facility Providers

Re: Temporary rate add-on related to COVID-19 pandemic

Description of request:

From October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, there will be a temporary rate increase for Staffed Residential Home and Group Care Facility providers contracted to provide out-of-home services.

Staffed Residential Home Providers:

An exception to DDA Policy 6.22, is being granted for all DDA Staffed Residential Home (SRH) providers authorized to provide out-of-home services. This exception allows SRH providers to use the temporary additional funds to address staffing, supplies and other administrative/non-staff costs that the agency may incur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This temporary increase is added to the total daily rate for each client through December 31, 2021, in the form of a rate add-on equal to 11.3 percent of the total daily rate of each client in your contract. The agency must maintain all records, per the DDA policy

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.

A. The intent of the temporary 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. These additional funds will remain in your contract through December 31, 2021, in the form of a rate add-on equal to 11.3 percent of the total 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 out-of-home services. Please do not hesitate to connect with me if you have questions at kacie.smarjesse@dshs.wa.gov or 360-764-3229 or your regional resource manager.

Thank you,

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Children's Residential Services Program Manager

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