

## STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES Developmental Disabilities Administration

PO Box 45310, Olympia, WA 98504-5310

December 22, 2021

To: DDA Children's Residential Child Foster Home Providers

Re: Temporary rate exceptions related to COVID-19 pandemic

From January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022, DDA Child Foster Home providers contracted to provide Out-of-Home Services will receive a temporary rate add-on based upon DDA contract 1718-XP under Special Terms and Conditions outlined in Exhibit A. The intent of the add-on funds are to address additional support, supplies and other costs that the provider may incur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These additional funds will continue to be authorized until March 31, 2022, in the form of a rate add-on equal to 11.3% of the Total Specialized Rate. There will not be a new rate assessment for this temporary rate increase, as there will be no change to your contract. You 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 contact me if you have questions at <a href="mailto:kacie.smarjesse@dshs.wa.gov">kacie.smarjesse@dshs.wa.gov</a> or 360-764-3229 or your regional resource manager.

Sincerely,

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