



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

July 8, 2022

**To:** DDA Staffed Residential Home and Group Care Facility Providers

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

**Description:**

**Effective July 1, 2022, the temporary rate increase for community residential providers is decreased 20 percent from the current amount. This temporary rate increase changes from current 11.3% to 7.3% in order to reduce the cost of the increases in accordance with the ESSB 5693 (2022 Supplemental Budget Bill) Section 204(1)(u), which states that, "Beginning July 1, 2022, the rate add-ons shall be reduced by 20 percent every two fiscal quarters."**

**Information regarding future reductions to your temporary rate increase will be sent prior to the change. The agency must maintain all records, per DDA Policy.**

**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 Dec. 31, 2022, in the form of a rate add-on equal to 7.3 percent of the total daily rate of each client in your contract.

**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. 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 Dec. 31, 2022, in the form of a rate add-on equal to 7.3 percent of the total rate of each client in your contract.

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 [kim.calkins@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:kim.calkins@dshs.wa.gov) or 360-764-6812, or contact your regional resource manager.

Thank you,

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