



TO: OPWDD Providers

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SUBJECT: Rate Updates

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding rate changes due to the following:

- July 1, 2017, Rate Rebase;
- July 1, 2017, Occupancy Adjustment in Supervised Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) and Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) Rates;
- January 1, 2018, Compensation Increase of 3.25 Percent, "Be fair to Direct Care" and;
- January 1, 2018, Minimum Wage Increase.

The Department of Health (Department) is scheduled to load the July 1, 2017, rebased rates on January 11, 2018, for the following Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) programs: Supervised IRA, Supportive IRA, Day Habilitation, Pre-Vocational, and ICF/IID. In addition, the July 1, 2017, occupancy adjustment will be incorporated for Supervised IRA and ICF/IID.

These rates will be rebased utilizing the Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) cost data for the periods of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, for calendar year filers and July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, for fiscal year filers. The CFR data that will be used is reflective of information that was submitted no later than January 3, 2017.

The Department is currently revising the January 1, 2018, OPWDD rates to incorporate the statutorily-authorized 3.25 percent increase to compensation levels of direct care and support staff. The value of this increase is based on data from the above noted CFRs.

The Department is also revising the January 1, 2018, OPWDD rates to include funding to support the 2018 minimum wage increases. These adjustments to wages and associated fringe benefits are consistent with wage survey data that was attested to and submitted by OPWDD providers for the period April 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017. These costs will be included in the rate as a component add-on. If a provider did not respond to the survey, the Department will use the provider's 2015 CFR data to calculate the component add-on.

The Department anticipates loading the January 1, 2018, rates, which will include the adjustments for minimum wage and the 3.25 percent compensation increase, by February 1, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the changes to the rates, please send an email to:
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