



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to provide clarity regarding rates related to the Access to Disability Services and Stable Workforce legislation (Colorado House Bill 18-1407, C.R.S 25.5 – 4 - 406). In light of recent conversations, the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) wants to ensure people understand how to apply the 6.5 percent reimbursement rate increase reserved for Direct Support Professional compensation authorized through this legislation.

Information:

Passed in 2018, House Bill (HB) 18-1407 requires the Department to implement a 6.5 percent increase in the reimbursement rate for certain home and community-based services (HCBS) provided to individuals receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities, Supported Living Services, and Children's Extensive Supports waivers.

The increase applies to:

- Group Residential Services and Supports
- Individual Residential Services and Supports
- Specialized Habilitation
- Respite
- Homemaker Basic
- Homemaker Enhanced
- Personal Care

- Prevocational Services
- Behavioral Line Staff
- Community Connector
- Supported Community Connections
- Mentorship
- Supported Employment – Job Development
- Supported Employment – Job Coaching

The 6.5 percent increase will be applied across the board for all services listed above, tiered and non-tiered. The increase of 6.5 percent will not consider staffing ratios, aggregate cost, or any other methodology. It will be a direct increase of the 2018 rates for the services above.

To ensure stakeholders are engaged in the process, the Department will be hosting a conference call on Thursday January 31, 2019. Please find the details below. This is in addition to the ongoing and regularly scheduled meetings.

Meeting Details

Date: January 31, 2019
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Conference Line:

Local: 720-279-0026
Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831
Participant Code: 632357#

Attachments:

None

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