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To: County Boards, Waiver Providers
From: Josh Anderson, MDA Operations Administrator
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Subject: New Rates Effective January 1, 2016

The FY2016-17 Executive Budget has allocated additional funding to support DODD programmatic activity. That process resulted in an increase to the base rate for routine Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC) and Homemaker/Personal Care On-site/On-call (OSOC) services delivered through the Individual Options (IO) and Level 1 Waivers. That process also resulted in an increase to the base rate for Adult Foster Care and Adult Family Living services delivered through the IO Waiver.

Homemaker/Personal Care

For **routine HPC** services delivered on or after January 1, 2016, the rates for one staff delivering services to one individual (Service Codes APC, FPC, and EPC) are listed in the chart below. Please note that the rates listed below **do not include** the Medical Assistance Add-on, the Behavior Support Add-on, or the Community Integration Add-on. The rates are as follows based on Cost of Doing Business Category:

Agency Providers				Independent Providers			
CODB Category	Staffing Ratio	Rate through 12/31/15	Rate effective 1/1/16	CODB Category	Staffing Ratio	Rate through 12/31/15	Rate effective 1/1/16
1	1:1	\$4.57	\$4.84	1	1:1	\$3.95	\$4.19
2	1:1	\$4.62	\$4.89	2	1:1	\$3.99	\$4.23
3	1:1	\$4.66	\$4.94	3	1:1	\$4.03	\$4.27
4	1:1	\$4.71	\$4.99	4	1:1	\$4.07	\$4.32
5	1:1	\$4.76	\$5.04	5	1:1	\$4.11	\$4.36
6	1:1	\$4.80	\$5.10	6	1:1	\$4.15	\$4.40
7	1:1	\$4.85	\$5.15	7	1:1	\$4.19	\$4.45
8	1:1	\$4.90	\$5.20	8	1:1	\$4.23	\$4.49

All single staff/group size ratios are available in [appendix A](#) to OAC 5123:2-9-30. The new rates for all staffing ratios (Service Codes AMW, AMX, AMY, AMZ, FMW, FMX, FMY, FMZ, EMW, EMX, EMY, and EMZ) will be available soon in an appendix to Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-9-30 under the “Rules Under Development” link on DODD’s website. This rule with the revised rates is scheduled to be effective January 1, 2016.

Homemaker/Personal Care On-site/On-call

For **On- Site/On- Call HPC** services delivered on or after January 1, 2016, the rates for one staff delivering services to one individual (Service Codes AOC, FOC, and EOC) are listed in the chart below. The rates are as follows based on Cost of Doing Business Category:

Agency Providers				Independent Providers			
CODB Category	Staffing Ratio	Rate through 12/31/15	Rate effective 1/1/16	CODB Category	Staffing Ratio	Rate through 12/31/15	Rate effective 1/1/16
1	1:1	\$2.61	\$2.81	1	1:1	\$1.83	\$2.03
2	1:1	\$2.64	\$2.84	2	1:1	\$1.85	\$2.05
3	1:1	\$2.66	\$2.87	3	1:1	\$1.87	\$2.07
4	1:1	\$2.69	\$2.90	4	1:1	\$1.89	\$2.09
5	1:1	\$2.72	\$2.93	5	1:1	\$1.91	\$2.11
6	1:1	\$2.74	\$2.96	6	1:1	\$1.94	\$2.14
7	1:1	\$2.77	\$2.98	7	1:1	\$1.95	\$2.16
8	1:1	\$2.79	\$3.01	8	1:1	\$1.97	\$2.18

All single staff/group size ratios are available in [appendix A](#) to OAC 5123:2-9-30. The new rates for all staffing ratios (Service Codes OAW, AOX, AOY, AOZ, FOW, FOX, FOY, FOZ, EOW, EOX, EOW,EOY, and EOZ) will be available soon in an appendix to Ohio Administrative Code 5123:2-9-30 under the “Rules Under Development” link on DODD’s website.

All referenced rules and appendices can be found on DODD’s website under “Rules Under Development.”

Adult Foster Care

For **Adult Foster Care** services delivered on or after January 1, 2016, the daily rates for agency (service code AFA) and independent (service code AFO) providers have been increased and are reflected in [appendix A](#) to OAC 5123:2-9-33. Adult Foster Care daily rates are determined by the Cost of Doing Business Category and the individual’s ODDP score.

Adult Family Living

For **Adult Family Living** services delivered on or after January 1, 2016, the daily rates for agency and independent providers (service code AFL) have been increased and are reflected in [appendix A](#) to OAC 5123:2-9-32. Adult Family Living daily rates are determined by Cost of Doing Business Category and the individual’s ODDP score.

For **Adult Family Living** (15 minute rate) services delivered on or after January 1, 2016, the rates for one staff delivering services to one individual (Service Code AFF) are listed in the chart below. The rates are as follows based on Cost of Doing Business Category:

Agency & Independent Providers			
CODB Category	Staffing Ratio	Rate through 12/31/15	Rate effective 1/1/16
1	1:1	\$3.95	\$4.19
2	1:1	\$3.99	\$4.23
3	1:1	\$4.03	\$4.27
4	1:1	\$4.07	\$4.32
5	1:1	\$4.11	\$4.36
6	1:1	\$4.15	\$4.40
7	1:1	\$4.19	\$4.45
8	1:1	\$4.23	\$4.49

The new rates for all group size ratios serving two through four individuals (Service Code AFF) are available in [appendix A](#) to OAC 5123:2-9-32.

As with all waiver services, providers are reimbursed at either their usual and customary rate for the service, which is entered in the rate field at the time claims are submitted by the provider, or the Medicaid maximum reimbursement rate established for the service in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), whichever is lower.

To accommodate for the above mentioned rate increases to multiple IO rates, the ODDP funding ranges will be revised to increase the specific range of each ODDP funding score. The new ODDP funding ranges within each Cost of Doing Business Category are reflected in [appendix A](#) to OAC 5123:2-9-06.

In addition to the rate increases, the annual Level One Waiver cap was also increased from \$5,000.00 to \$5,325.00. The Level One Waiver cap increase is reflected in [ORC 5123:2-9-06](#) (D) (1). The Level One three year emergency cap has also increased from \$8,000.00 to \$8,520.00. The Level One Waiver three year emergency cap increase is reflected in [ORC 5123:2-9-27](#) (C) (3).

DODD currently is working to update its various Medicaid systems (i.e., MSS, PAWS, DDP/IDS, MBS) to accommodate this upcoming rate increase. While the new rates are not effective until January 1, 2016, it is estimated that all DODD's systems will be able to be utilized to reflect the new rates for cost projecting and service authorization sometime in November 2015. Additional information pertaining to the exact date of the completion of the needed changes to DODD's systems will be shared as it becomes available.

If you have questions, please contact the DODD Support Center at 800-617-6733.

Thank you.