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June 01, 2022

Subject: April 1, 2022 Rate Adjustment for Eligible Service Providers

Dear ACRC Service Providers:

In March 2019, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) published a rate study addressing the sustainability, quality, and transparency of community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Budget Act of 2021 specifies a timeline for implementation of the rate models proposed in the rate study. Rate models take into consideration costs providers incur to deliver a particular service consistent with the state's requirements, including where the service is delivered. Rate models establish a benchmark rate for each service category that all providers will utilize by the completion of the set timeline in incremental increases starting with the first phase effective April 1, 2022. The total increase will be applied over the next 4 years. **Providers that are currently being reimbursed above the set benchmark rates will maintain at their current rates until June 2026.**

These benchmark rates are published on DDS' website along with information regarding the methodology utilized, timelines, rate models, provider's rate review process, and past recorded meetings surrounding the rate study and implementation: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/rate-study-implementation/>.

Based on the conclusion of this rate study, ACRC has implemented all applicable rate increases and has sent updated rate letters on May 31, 2022 to service providers that had a rate change. Please allow for a few business days for the rate letters to be delivered.

All rate adjustments have been reflected in the May 2022 service month invoice and will be retro applied to April 2022 service month invoices, unless your new rate was already reflected in your April 2022 invoice. Each service category has the same benchmark rate that all providers will eventually be reimbursed for the services rendered per their respective authorizations.

If wish to confirm your rate or have any questions regarding the rate study, please email ratequestions@altaregional.org. We would like to remind providers that not all providers will receive a rate increase due to their current rate being above the published benchmark rates. Before contacting ACRC, please review the benchmark rates published here: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/updated-rates-by-regional-center/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iqbal Ahmad".

Iqbal Ahmad
Chief Financial Officer

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John W. Decker
Director of Community Services and Supports