



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Rate Review Advisory Group

May 28, 2025

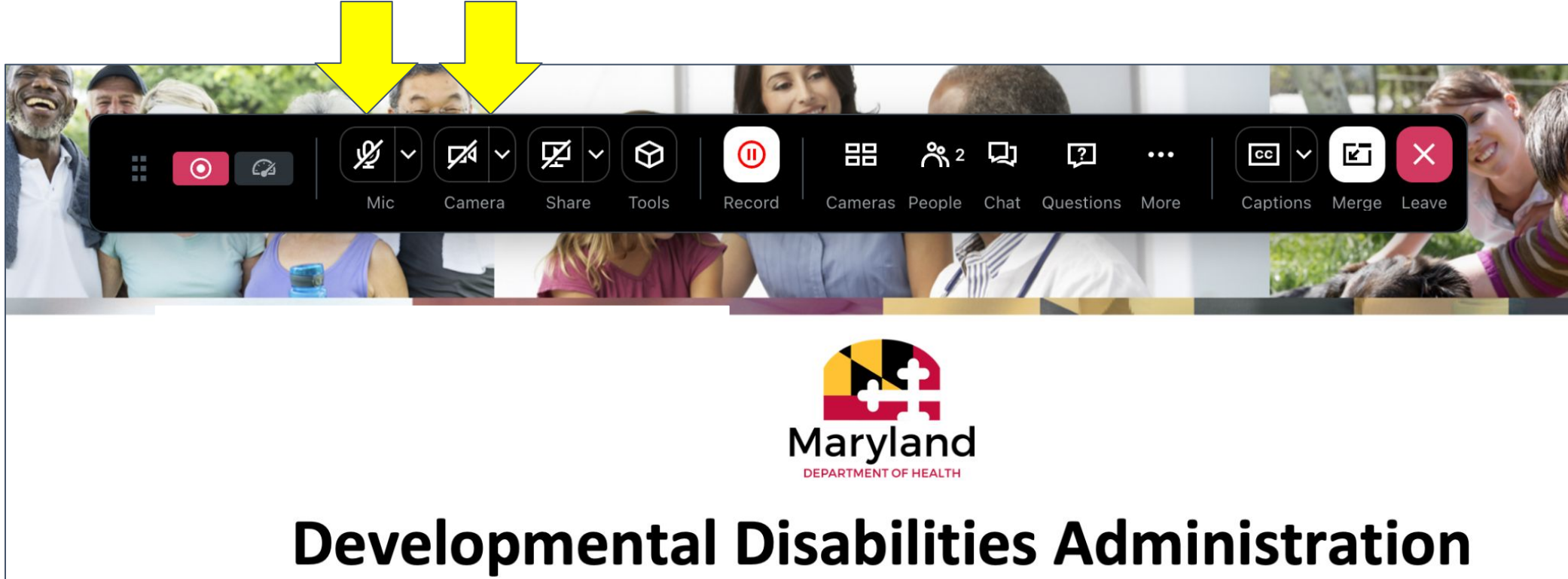


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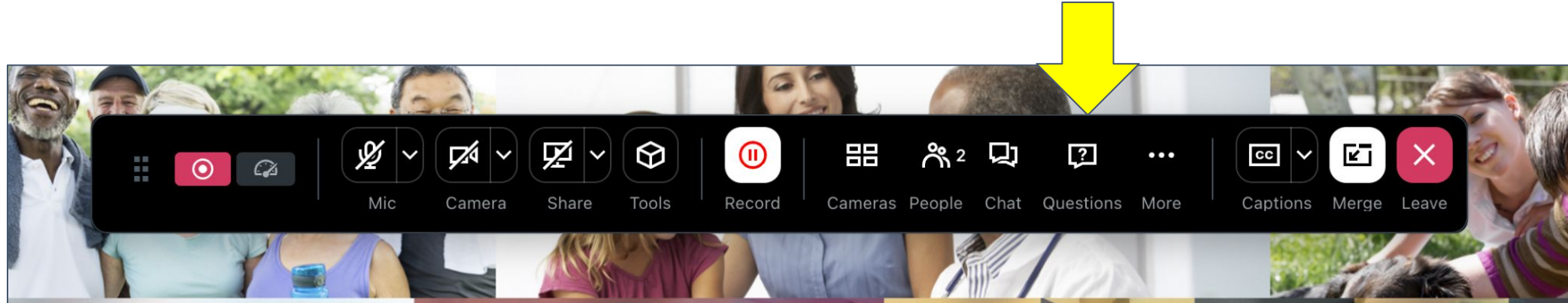
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Developmental Disabilities Administration

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
3. Employment Services - Follow Along Supports
4. Annual Model Updates
5. General Ledger Template Updates
6. Open Discussion
7. Public Comment
8. Next Steps and Adjournment

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Employment Services - Follow Along Supports

Employment Services - Follow Along Supports Process Improvements

- **Over Authorization of services which impacts our federal waiver assurances**
- **Timely approval of PCP when new services are requested**

Strategies:

- “[Urgent](#)” Plan
- Update Person-Centered Planning Manual
- Coordinators of Community Services Training
- Plan Reviewer Training
- Waiver Amendment

Transportation

- **Stand Alone Transportation**

- Stand alone Transportation Services are a separate service that a person may request to support independent transportation needs in the person-centered plan. Standalone transportation can include mileage reimbursement, ride shares, public transportation, and travel training. This service does not include direct support.

- [Policy Link](#)

- [Transportation Visual](#)

Employment Services - Follow Along Supports

- DDA Providers have different business models for the delivery of Follow Along Supports services
 - Additional exploration and conversations are needed
 - Data collection strategies to include capturing provider travel related expenses

Annual Model Updates*

**any rates shown are DRAFT and subject to change as part of the deliberative process*

Outline of FY26 Rate Changes

- Updates to the FY26 paid rates based on FY26 approved budget.
- The FY26 paid rate is level from the FY25 rates except for two cost containment measures:
 - The geographical differential is capped at 10%
 - The funding percentage (relative to FY25 fully loaded rate) for Dedicated Hours was decreased by 1%
- The draft paid rates are shown in Tables 1-4 including the changes between FY25 and FY26

Geographic Differential Cap

- Legislatively, FY25 paid rates were used to develop FY26 paid rates and then adjusted.
- FY26 Geographic Differential rates are capped at 10% above the Rest of State rate.
- This cap also impacts some funding levels (e.g. 82-85%). These funding percents were calculated after imposing the 10% cap.

Funding Percent Change for Dedicated Hours

- Dedicated Hours for Community Living and Supported Living Services were previously funded at 87% of the full modeled cost in FY25.
- For FY26, this was reduced to 86% as a cost containment measure and impacts all dedicated hours services, regardless of region.
- This funding change was applied after the 10% cap on Geographic Differential services, explaining the decreased funding percentage seen (e.g. 81%) in Tables 1-4.

FY 2026 Paid Rates w/ Cost Containment (Part 1)

Service	FY25 Rates (Fully Funded Rates)		FY 2025 Funding Level		FY25 Paid Rates		FY 2026 Funding Level COMPARED TO FY25 FULLY FUNDED RATES		DRAFT FY26 Paid Rates		Percent Increase for Geo Diff Rate Over Rest of State Rate		FY26 Paid Rates Compared to FY25 Paid Rates	
	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	FY25	FY26	Rest of State	Geo Diff
Community Living - Enhanced Supports: 1 w/Overnight Supervision	\$1,196.15	\$1,404.37	87%	87%	\$1,040.65	\$1,221.80	87%	82%	\$1,040.65	\$1,144.72	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Community Living - Enhanced Supports: 2 w/Overnight Supervision	\$775.76	\$910.80	87%	87%	\$674.92	\$792.40	87%	82%	\$674.92	\$742.41	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Community Living - Enhanced Supports: 3 w/Overnight Supervision	\$576.41	\$676.74	87%	87%	\$501.47	\$588.77	87%	82%	\$501.47	\$551.62	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Community Living - Enhanced Supports: 4 w/Overnight Supervision	\$654.42	\$768.33	87%	87%	\$569.34	\$668.45	87%	82%	\$569.34	\$626.28	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Dedicated Hours for Community Living-Enhanced Supports (1:1)	\$14.82	\$17.40	87%	87%	\$12.89	\$15.13	86%	81%	\$12.74	\$14.02	17.40%	10.00%	-1.10%	-7.40%
Dedicated Hours for Community Living-Enhanced Supports (2:1)	\$29.63	\$34.79	87%	87%	\$25.78	\$30.27	86%	81%	\$25.49	\$28.03	17.40%	10.00%	-1.10%	-7.40%
Dedicated Hours for Community Living-Group Home (1:1)	\$13.30	\$15.62	87%	87%	\$11.58	\$13.59	86%	81%	\$11.44	\$12.59	17.40%	10.00%	-1.10%	-7.40%
Dedicated Hours for Community Living - Group Home (2:1)	\$26.61	\$31.24	87%	87%	\$23.15	\$27.18	86%	81%	\$22.88	\$25.17	17.40%	10.00%	-1.10%	-7.40%
Community Living/Group Home: 1 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$847.31	\$971.76	87%	87%	\$737.16	\$845.44	87%	83%	\$737.16	\$810.88	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 2 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$549.52	\$630.24	87%	87%	\$478.09	\$548.31	87%	83%	\$478.09	\$525.89	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 3 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$408.30	\$468.28	87%	87%	\$355.23	\$407.40	87%	83%	\$355.23	\$390.75	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 4 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$463.56	\$531.65	87%	87%	\$403.30	\$462.54	87%	83%	\$403.30	\$443.63	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 5 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$396.03	\$454.19	87%	87%	\$344.54	\$395.15	87%	83%	\$344.54	\$379.00	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 6 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$424.68	\$487.06	87%	87%	\$369.47	\$423.74	87%	83%	\$369.47	\$406.42	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 7 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$415.32	\$476.33	87%	87%	\$361.33	\$414.40	87%	83%	\$361.33	\$397.46	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 8 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$379.14	\$434.83	87%	87%	\$329.85	\$378.30	87%	83%	\$329.85	\$362.84	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%

Table 1

FY 2026 Paid Rates w/ Cost Containment (Part 2)

Service	FY25 Rates (Fully Funded Rates)		FY 2025 Funding Level		FY25 Paid Rates		FY 2026 Funding Level COMPARED TO FY25 FULLY FUNDED RATES		DRAFT FY26 Paid Rates		Percent Increase for Geo Diff Rate Over Rest of State Rate		FY26 Paid Rates Compared to FY25 Paid Rates	
	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	FY25	FY26	Rest of State	Geo Diff
Community Living/Group Home: 1 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$503.47	\$577.43	87%	87%	\$438.02	\$502.36	87%	83%	\$438.02	\$481.82	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 2 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$377.61	\$433.07	87%	87%	\$328.52	\$376.77	87%	83%	\$328.52	\$361.37	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 3 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$293.69	\$336.83	87%	87%	\$255.51	\$293.04	87%	83%	\$255.51	\$281.06	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 4 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$377.61	\$433.07	87%	87%	\$328.52	\$376.77	87%	83%	\$328.52	\$361.37	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 5 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$327.26	\$375.33	87%	87%	\$284.71	\$326.53	87%	83%	\$284.71	\$313.19	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 6 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$310.07	\$355.61	87%	87%	\$269.76	\$309.38	87%	83%	\$269.76	\$296.73	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 7 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$317.08	\$363.66	87%	87%	\$275.86	\$316.38	87%	83%	\$275.86	\$303.45	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Living/Group Home: 8 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$293.18	\$336.24	87%	87%	\$255.07	\$292.53	87%	83%	\$255.07	\$280.57	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Shared Living: Level 1	\$4,509.84	\$4,509.84	100%	100%	\$4,509.84	\$4,509.84	100%	100%	\$4,509.84	\$4,509.84	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Shared Living: Level 2	\$5,176.75	\$5,176.75	100%	100%	\$5,176.75	\$5,176.75	100%	100%	\$5,176.75	\$5,176.75	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Shared Living: Level 3	\$6,177.08	\$6,177.08	100%	100%	\$6,177.08	\$6,177.08	100%	100%	\$6,177.08	\$6,177.08	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Supported Living: 1 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$847.31	\$971.76	87%	87%	\$737.16	\$845.44	87%	83%	\$737.16	\$810.88	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Supported Living: 2 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$549.52	\$630.24	87%	87%	\$478.09	\$548.31	87%	83%	\$478.09	\$525.89	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
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Supported Living: 4 w/ Overnight Supervision	\$463.56	\$531.65	87%	87%	\$403.30	\$462.54	87%	83%	\$403.30	\$443.63	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%

Table 2

FY 2026 Paid Rates w/ Cost Containment (Part 3)

Service	FY25 Rates (Fully Funded Rates)		FY 2025 Funding Level		FY25 Paid Rates		FY 2026 Funding Level COMPARED TO FY25 FULLY FUNDED RATES		DRAFT FY26 Paid Rates		Percent Increase for Geo Diff Rate Over Rest of State Rate		FY26 Paid Rates Compared to FY25 Paid Rates	
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Supported Living: 2 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$377.61	\$433.07	87%	87%	\$328.52	\$376.77	87%	83%	\$328.52	\$361.37	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Supported Living: 3 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$293.69	\$336.83	87%	87%	\$255.51	\$293.04	87%	83%	\$255.51	\$281.06	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Supported Living: 4 w/o Overnight Supervision	\$377.61	\$433.07	87%	87%	\$328.52	\$376.77	87%	83%	\$328.52	\$361.37	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Dedicated Hours for Supported Living (1:1)	\$13.30	\$15.62	87%	87%	\$11.58	\$13.59	86%	81%	\$11.44	\$12.59	17.40%	10.00%	-1.10%	-7.40%
Dedicated Hours for Supported Living (2:1)	\$26.61	\$31.24	87%	87%	\$23.15	\$27.18	86%	81%	\$22.88	\$25.17	17.40%	10.00%	-1.10%	-7.40%
Career Exploration Services: Facility Based	\$4.91	\$5.64	97%	97%	\$4.76	\$5.46	97%	93%	\$4.76	\$5.24	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Career Exploration - Large Group	\$3.34	\$4.06	97%	97%	\$3.23	\$3.94	97%	88%	\$3.23	\$3.56	21.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-9.60%
Career Exploration - Small Group	\$4.44	\$5.10	97%	97%	\$4.31	\$4.94	97%	93%	\$4.31	\$4.74	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Community Development Service 2:1 Staffing Ratio	\$35.64	\$43.90	96.00%	91.51%	\$34.22	\$40.17	96.00%	85.74%	\$34.22	\$37.64	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Community Development Service 1:1 Staffing Ratio	\$17.82	\$21.95	96.00%	91.51%	\$17.11	\$20.09	96.00%	85.74%	\$17.11	\$18.82	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Community Development Service: Group - (1-4)	\$11.68	\$14.39	96.00%	91.51%	\$11.22	\$13.17	96.00%	85.74%	\$11.22	\$12.34	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Day Habilitation 2:1 Staffing Ratio	\$39.32	\$48.43	92.36%	88.04%	\$36.32	\$42.64	92.36%	82.49%	\$36.32	\$39.95	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Day Habilitation 1:1 Staffing Ratio	\$19.66	\$24.21	92.36%	88.04%	\$18.16	\$21.32	92.36%	82.49%	\$18.16	\$19.97	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Day Habilitation Small Group (2-5)	\$6.66	\$8.20	93.16%	88.80%	\$6.20	\$7.28	93.16%	83.19%	\$6.20	\$6.82	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Day Habilitation Large Group (6-10)	\$3.99	\$4.86	94.02%	94.02%	\$3.76	\$4.57	94.02%	84.96%	\$3.76	\$4.13	21.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-9.60%

FY 2026 Paid Rates w/ Cost Containment (Part 4)

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	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	Rest of State	Geo Diff	FY25	FY26	Rest of State	Geo Diff
Employment Services - Job Development	\$29.07	\$35.00	95.37%	90.08%	\$27.72	\$31.53	95.37%	87.13%	\$27.72	\$30.50	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
Employment Services - Customized Self-Employment	\$600.32	\$722.81	95.37%	90.08%	\$572.50	\$651.12	95.37%	87.13%	\$572.50	\$629.75	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
Employment Services - Follow Along Supports	\$750.82	\$864.35	96.90%	96.90%	\$727.55	\$837.56	96.90%	92.59%	\$727.55	\$800.30	15.10%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.40%
Employment Services - Ongoing Job Supports	\$22.62	\$27.24	95.37%	90.08%	\$21.57	\$24.54	95.37%	87.13%	\$21.57	\$23.73	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
Employment Services - Discovery Milestone 1	\$930.28	\$1,120.09	95.37%	90.08%	\$887.17	\$1,009.00	95.37%	87.13%	\$887.17	\$975.89	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
Employment Services - Discovery Milestone 2	\$2,790.84	\$3,360.26	95.37%	90.08%	\$2,661.52	\$3,027.00	95.37%	87.13%	\$2,661.52	\$2,927.67	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
Employment Services - Discovery Milestone 3	\$1,860.56	\$2,240.17	95.37%	90.08%	\$1,774.34	\$2,018.00	95.37%	87.13%	\$1,774.34	\$1,951.78	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
BSS - Brief Support Implementation Services	\$21.90	\$21.90	104%	104%	\$22.77	\$22.77	104%	104%	\$22.77	\$22.77	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
BSS - Behavioral Consultation	\$41.59	\$41.59	104%	104%	\$43.26	\$43.26	104%	104%	\$43.26	\$43.26	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
BSS - Behavioral Plan	\$1,828.75	\$1,828.75	104%	104%	\$1,901.90	\$1,901.90	104%	104%	\$1,901.90	\$1,901.90	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
BSS - Behavioral Assessment	\$1,828.75	\$1,828.75	104%	104%	\$1,901.90	\$1,901.90	104%	104%	\$1,901.90	\$1,901.90	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Environmental Assessment	\$558.47	\$558.47	104%	104%	\$580.81	\$580.81	104%	104%	\$580.81	\$580.81	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Housing Support Services	\$19.51	\$22.19	104%	104%	\$20.29	\$23.08	104%	101%	\$20.29	\$22.32	13.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-3.30%
Personal Supports	\$11.64	\$13.35	104%	104%	\$12.11	\$13.89	104%	100%	\$12.11	\$13.32	14.70%	10.00%	0.00%	-4.10%
Personal Supports Enhanced	\$14.74	\$17.31	104%	104%	\$15.33	\$18.00	104%	97%	\$15.33	\$16.86	17.40%	10.00%	0.00%	-6.30%
Nursing Support Services	\$29.59	\$31.72	104%	104%	\$30.77	\$32.99	104%	104%	\$30.77	\$32.99	7.20%	7.20%	0.00%	0.00%
Respite Care Services - Day	\$519.09	\$557.17	104%	104%	\$539.85	\$579.46	104%	104%	\$539.85	\$579.46	7.30%	7.30%	0.00%	0.00%
Respite Care Services - Hour	\$9.24	\$9.35	104%	104%	\$9.61	\$9.72	104%	104%	\$9.61	\$9.72	1.20%	1.20%	0.00%	0.00%
Targeted Case Management	\$28.33	\$29.83	100%	100%	\$28.33	\$29.83	100%	100%	\$28.33	\$29.83	5.30%	5.30%	0.00%	0.00%

BLS Wage Update

- Previous fully-funded rates from FY25 used BLS wages from calendar year 2018 for many services and 2021 for most of the Meaningful Day services.
- The FY26 rate model was updated with calendar year 2024 BLS wages.
- These 2024 wages are trended forward FY26 to complete the FY26 model.
- The brick components were not changed between the fully funded FY25 and FY26 rates.
- Although the fully-funded model was changed, FY26 paid rates are based on FY25 paid rates and include cost containment measures.

General Ledger Template Updates

General Ledger Template: Updates and Next Steps

- Fiscal Year 2024 General Ledger Template
 - Due September 30, 2024
 - Total provider submissions: 79.9% (238/298)
 - Response rate
 - Usable data submissions
 - Hilltop has been reviewing and providing 1:1 feedback for 8 months

General Ledger Template: Updates and Next Steps

- Fiscal Year 2025 General Ledger Template
 - Based on lessons learned and feedback from providers, Hilltop has revised the GL template
 - Draft for provider review, feedback requested by June 10th at dda_rate@hilltop.umbc.edu
 - Trainings will be scheduled at the end of June
 - Due September 30, 2025
 - GOAL: 100% provider submission

Open Rate Review Advisory Group Member Discussion

Public Comment

Next Steps and Adjournment

The next RRAG meeting will be held **Thursday, July 10, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

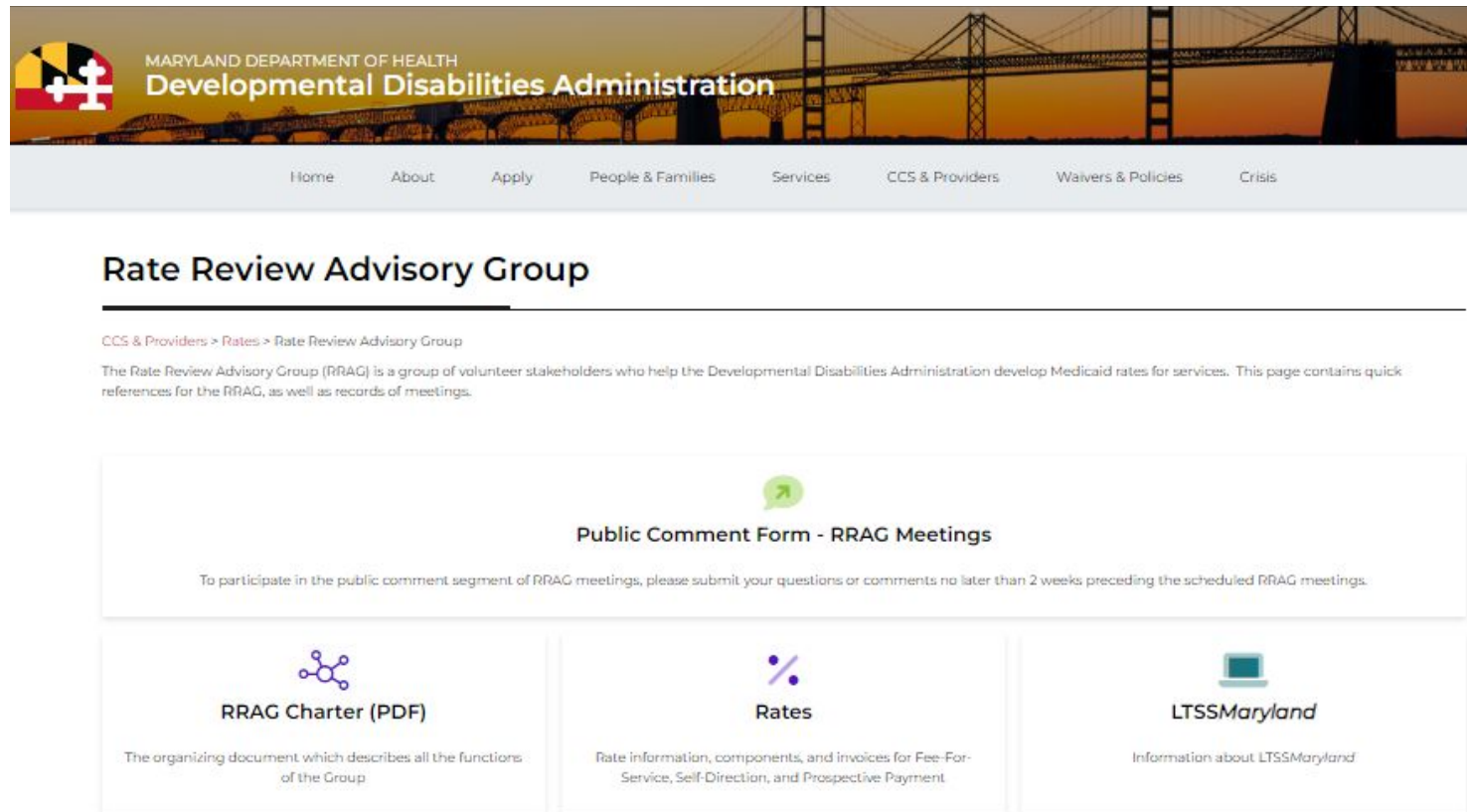
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Remaining RRAG Dates
Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Rate Review Advisory Group Materials

<https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/LTSSMaryland/RRAG.aspx>



The screenshot shows the website for the Maryland Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Administration. The header features the state flag logo and navigation links: Home, About, Apply, People & Families, Services, CCS & Providers, Waivers & Policies, and Crisis. The main content area is titled "Rate Review Advisory Group" and includes a breadcrumb trail: CCS & Providers > Rates > Rate Review Advisory Group. A paragraph explains that the RRAG is a group of volunteer stakeholders who help develop Medicaid rates. Below this is a section for "Public Comment Form - RRAG Meetings" with a deadline of 2 weeks preceding meetings. At the bottom are three tiles: "RRAG Charter (PDF)" (organizing document), "Rates" (rate information and invoices), and "LTSSMaryland" (information about LTSSMaryland).

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
Rate Review Advisory Group

CCS & Providers > Rates > Rate Review Advisory Group

The Rate Review Advisory Group (RRAG) is a group of volunteer stakeholders who help the Developmental Disabilities Administration develop Medicaid rates for services. This page contains quick references for the RRAG, as well as records of meetings.


Public Comment Form - RRAG Meetings

To participate in the public comment segment of RRAG meetings, please submit your questions or comments no later than 2 weeks preceding the scheduled RRAG meetings.




RRAG Charter (PDF)

The organizing document which describes all the functions of the Group



Rates

Rate information, components, and invoices for Fee-For-Service, Self-Direction, and Prospective Payment



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Information about LTSSMaryland

Thank You!