

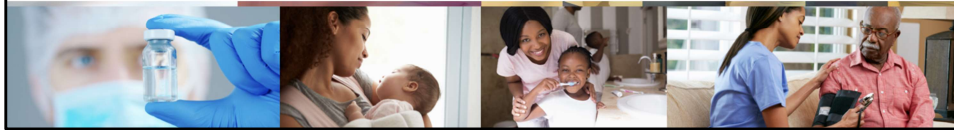


Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Rate Review Advisory Group

Developmental Disabilities Administration

4/19/2022



Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Meeting Materials and Updates
3. Day Habilitation Components
4. Finalizing FY 2024 Priorities
5. Cost Reports and General Ledgers
6. Application of Supplemental Budget
7. Next Steps and Adjournment

Welcome

DDA Vision:

People with developmental disabilities will have full lives in the communities of their choice where they are included, participate, and are active citizens.

DDA Mission:

Create a flexible, person-centered, family-oriented system of supports so people can have full lives.



Meeting Materials and Updates

- Approval of Minutes - distributed on 4/8
- Rules of Engagement in Development

Day Habilitation: Components

Shared at 3/21/22 RRAG meeting:

- Wage model components
 - Transportation
- Staffing Ratios
 - Average group size distributions
- Service definitions/structure
 - Discrete group sizing



Key points: In the last meeting, we identified several strategies on approaching the review of the Day Habilitation rates. We will be reviewing progress that has been made, soliciting feedback, and discussing next steps.

Day Habilitation: Components

Transportation and Staffing Ratio

- Current Status:
 - Sent out a draft template that can be used for data collection for review
- Discussion Points:
 - Feedback received
 - Additional comments
- Next Steps:
 - State team to finalize data collection template and distribute to providers by Friday, April 22nd
 - Complete data collection by Friday, May 6th

Key points: Last meeting, we talked about potentially collecting data to review whether or not the day habilitation rates are representative of the cost for providing those services. A template has been shared and we would like to discuss the data collection template and next steps.

Transportation Data Request

Line	Description	Hours/Week
1	Weekly Average Paid DSP Hours Transporting Individuals Served for Meaningful Day	
2	Weekly Average Meaningful Day DSP Service Delivery Hours	
3	Other Weekly Average Non-Billable DSP Hours	
4	Total Weekly Average DSP Hours	-
5	Average Monthly Non-Wage Transportation Costs (Loan payments, Fuel, Insurance, Maintenance, etc.) for Meaningful Day	
6	Average Monthly Meaningful Day DSP Wages	



Key points: This is the day habilitation transportation section of the survey template shared. We will be using this slide to help facilitate a discussion on the template itself.

Staffing Ratio Data Request

Line	Description	Hours/Week
7	Average Daily Individuals Served in Meaningful Day	
8	Average Daily DSP Staff	
9	Average Staff Ratio	-



Key points: This is the day habilitation group size section of the survey template shared. We will be using this slide to help facilitate a discussion on the template itself.

Day Habilitation: Components

Service/Definition Structure

- Current Status:
 - Internal discussion on feasibility of the various options
- Discussion Points:
 - Thoughts from DDA
 - Additional comments
- Next Steps:
 - No change for FY23
 - Continue monitoring operational needs



Key points: Last meeting, we talked through potentially creating discrete group sizes or otherwise adjusting the structure of the rates (like pulling components into separate rates) to address the fixed vs variable costs. Based on feedback and internal discussions, this option will not be pursued for the FY23 rates.

Day Habilitation Components

Open Discussion on Components Shared



Finalizing FY 2024 Rate Priorities

Rate Components

- Clarify cost of, and responsibility for, transportation in rates
- Understand attendance policies like no-show and cancellation
- Explore relationship between wages and staff turnover
- Review daily staff hour assumptions in residential services
- Compare expected revenue and expenses for each Group Home (GH) size

Rate Construct

- Validate whether rates sufficiently consider non-billable staff time
- Compare policy of group sizes for day services to operational needs
- Discuss fixed and variable cost allocation
- Review if rates appropriately address varying needs among members
- Consider difficulties in transitioning to a new system
- Discuss details of Employment services rate development

Key points: Review of the priorities list from this year - highlighted are the ones MDH/DDA would like to consider for FY24. Open to feedback/discussion.

Cost Reports & General Ledgers

- Cost report template update
 - Intent to align Cost Report with rate development
 - Modifications to be discussed through CY22
 - Current plan to begin reporting and collection for CY23/FY24
- Future rebase data collection
 - Collecting general ledgers for the FY22 time period
 - Data collection process to be determined and shared

Application of Supplemental Budget

- Supplemental Budget
 - Authorizes an additional 4% rate increase for providers eligible for the mandated 4% COLA
 - Total rate increase effective July 1, 2022 (FY2023) = 8%
 - Increase will be applied to both payment methodologies

Next Steps and Adjournment

- Meetings occur monthly until September 2022 and will be posted on the DDA's Training Calendar

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Calendar of Events
May 2022

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 Statewide Nurses Meeting - Special Smiles, Dental Care For Special Needs Individuals	6	7
8	9	10 DDA - RN/Case Management/Delegating Nurse Orientation on May 10 & 12, 2022	11 Provider Revalidation and Enrollment Portal (PREP)	12 The New DDA Rent Subsidy Program	13	14
15	16	17 Support Broker Certification Training	18	19 WIMRO Quarterly Provider Meeting	20 Maryland Department of Health DDA Rate Review Advisory Group	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 The Deputy Secretary's Webinar Series of Monthly Updates	28
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Meeting Dates

- Friday, May 20 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 17 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 15 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 19 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Rate Review Advisory Group Materials

<https://health.maryland.gov/dda/Pages/RATE-REVIEW-ADVISORY-GROUP.aspx>

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Home Individuals Families Providers Transformation **LTSSMaryland** Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) POLICYSTAT Person-Centered Planning

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Thank You!

See you May 20th from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

