



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Rate Review Advisory Group

January 24, 2024



Secretary Herrera Scott and Deputy Secretary Hutchinson

Opening Remarks

Welcome and Introduction



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Welcome and Introductions

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.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks
2. RRAG Charter and Membership
3. FY 25 Rate Cycle Enhancements
4. Rate Development Goals and Expectations
5. FY 26 Rate Review Priorities Discussion
6. General Ledger Data Collection
7. Open Discussion
8. Next Steps and Adjournment

Rate Review Advisory Group Charter and Membership

Charter: Membership

Based on the charter, RRAG members include:

- Seven industry representatives (MACS, Non-MACS DDA providers)
- One user of services as a representative of Self-Directed Advocacy Network of Maryland (SDAN)
- One advocate, current, or past user of services
- One at-large seat (a member who has knowledge of policy and rates)
- Two designated seats held by MDH staff

Rate Review Advisory Group Membership

| Seat | Open or Reserved | Position | Incumbent |
|--------|------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Reserved | Industry Representative | Laura Howell, <i>MACS</i> |
| 2. | Reserved | User of Services | Carol Custer, <i>SDAN</i> |
| 3. | Reserved | Industry Representative | Donna Retzlaff, <i>Spring Dell Center</i> |
| 4. | Reserved | Industry Representative | Karen Adams-Gilchrist, <i>Providence Center</i> |
| 5. | Open | Industry Representative | Vacant (Previously Held by Scott Hollingsworth from <i>Appalachian Crossroads</i>) |
| 6. | Open | Industry Representative | Karen Lee, <i>SEEC</i> |
| 7-8. | Open | Industry Representatives | Shauna Mulcahy, <i>Arc Frederick County</i> Vacant (Previously held by Chris Parks, <i>Somerset Community Services</i>) |
| 9. | Open | At-Large | Gregory (Greg) Miller, <i>Penn-Mar</i> |
| 10. | Open | Self-Advocate, Current or Past User of Services | Vacant (Previously Held by Mat Rice from <i>People on the Go</i>) |
| 11-12. | Designated | State chairs | Jennifer McIlvaine, <i>Medicaid</i> Robert White, <i>DDA</i> |

Rate Review Advisory Group Membership

- Current members will be reappointed for an additional year. No other changes to membership, with exception of addressing current vacancies.
- Reappointment letters will be sent out by **February 15, 2024**.
- We are requesting nominations for the **3** vacant seats through a [Google Form](#). Please submit nominations by **February 5, 2024** for consideration.

Rate Review Advisory Group Charter

Current charter language addressing quorum:

- “A quorum for the purpose of holding a meeting shall consist of not less than seven (7) group members who are present in-person, through teleconference, videoconference, virtually, or through the exchange of communications which might rise to the level of a meeting.”

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Forthcoming change to charter language addressing quorum:

- "A quorum for the purpose of holding a meeting shall consist of a majority of RRAG's members being present in-person, through teleconference, videoconference, virtually, or through the exchange of communications which might rise to the level of a meeting. Member seats that are vacant through removal or resignation shall not be counted for purpose of determining a quorum."

Rate Review Advisory Group Meetings

There will be a few changes to the process this cycle:

- Change in cadence of meetings
 - Meetings will be held every 6 weeks from February through August
 - Meetings will be 75 minutes, with time for questions and discussion if needed, after the presentation.
- Rules of engagement

FY 25 Rate Cycle Enhancements

FY 25 RRAG Accomplishments

| Item | Topic for Review for FY25 | Current Rate Data Source | Data Updates | DDA Decisions Summary |
|------|---------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| 1 | Facility | 2017 Rate-Setting GLs | FY25 | Update the facility component to FY25 DCT results |
| 2 | Program Support | 2017 Rate-Setting GLs | FY25 DCT | Maintain current PS component |
| 4 | Training | Hours req. Per DDA/avg. hrs worked & replacement | FY25 DCT | Maintain current training component. Revisit training methodology in FY26 cycle |

Rate Development Goals and Expectations

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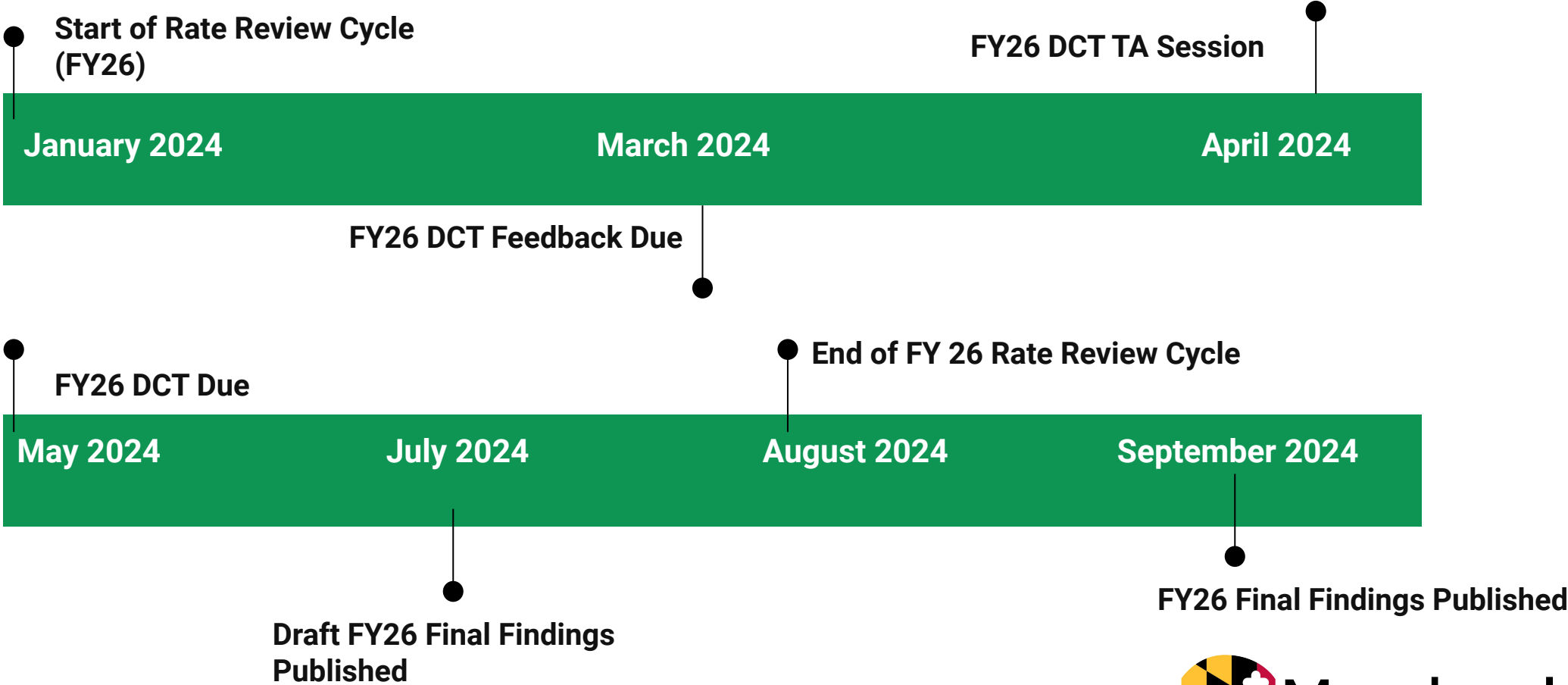
- Empower stakeholders with clear insights into the rate review process and encourage active participation in feedback collection
- Implement a well-defined and efficient timeline to ensure swift and effective rate reviews and adjustments
- Streamline and accelerate feedback collection and review processes, fostering continuous improvement and sustainability of DDA rates
- Enhance the reliability and organization of Medicaid rate setting processes for data-driven outcomes
- Cultivate robust programs and demonstrate exemplary stewardship of public funds for greater impact and trust

Rate Development Goals and Expectations

Rate Development Process:

- Collect provider data in the General Ledger template to create base data set
- Organize base data into appropriate sub cost categories
- Work with providers/stakeholders to receive feedback on base data and categorization
- Adjust data for program/policy changes and trend
- Consider administrative costs
- Receive stakeholder feedback on rates

FY2026 Proposed Timeline



FY 26 Rate Review Priorities Discussion

FY 26 Proposed Rate Priorities

Last cycle, stakeholders identified several priority topics for consideration:

- Employment service rates
- Nursing support rates
- Acuity
- Geographic differential
- Reimbursement rates for self-directed services
- Productivity adjustment
- Training

General Ledger Data Collection

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- ***ALL Providers are required to submit cost data for FY 2024 using the GL Template***
 - ***Data will be due in September 2024***
- GL Data Collection Template, supporting documents, and resources are available on the [DDA Website](#)
- Ongoing training and technical assistance opportunities:
 - Recorded webinar training to introduce the template, cost categories, and instructions
 - Targeted technical assistance
 - 1:1 meetings with providers
 - Additional assistance as requested

22 ● Centralized TA and contact: dda_rate@hilltop.umbc.edu

Open Discussion

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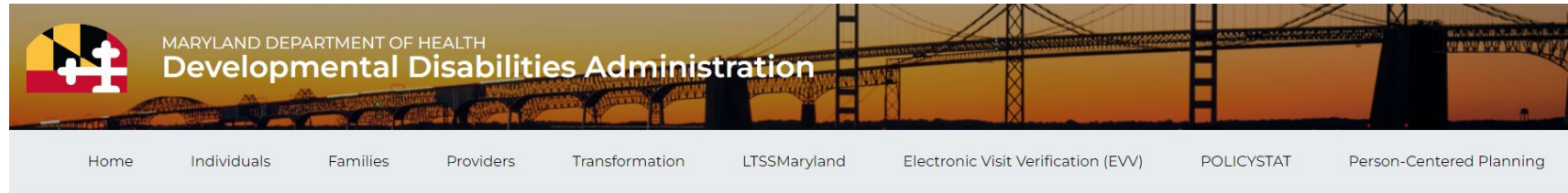
The next RRAG meeting will be held Thursday, March 7th 12:30 - 1:45 PM

| Remaining RRAG Dates |
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| Thursday, April 18, 2024: 12:30 - 1:45 PM |
| Thursday, May 30, 2024: 12:30 - 1:45 PM |
| Wednesday, July 10, 2024: 12:30 - 1:45 PM |
| Thursday, August 22, 2024: 12:30 - 1:45 PM |

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)

Rate Review Advisory Group Materials

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



[LTSSMaryland](#) > Rate Review Advisory Group

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.



Thank You!
