



TAKE THE SURVEY!!! YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!!!

What it is?

ABX2-1 Legislation requires the Department Developmental Services (DDS) to facilitate a “Rate Study”. DDS is to gather information from you the providers on costs and the sustainability of current reimbursement rates through a contract survey agency, Burns and Associates.

Although Burns and Associates states that this is a voluntary survey to take, it is **your data collected** through the **survey that is the key consideration** for Burns and Associates and DDS assessing the adequacy of the current payment rates. The findings of your data will then be sent to the Legislators to determine possible rate changes. **Bottom Line: Your opinions and suggestions matter! No data from providers could cripple any necessary rate adjustments in the future.** Also, if there are any factors that you believe should be considered but were not included in the survey, note those issues (and any other comments) in the transmittal email when submitting the survey. You may also submit any other documentation that you would like considered as part of this study.

The survey will be presented as a series of Excel worksheets. One main worksheet, completed by all providers, will gather basic information. Other worksheets will be completed based on service codes. The survey will require that you organize financial and program information that you already have. **Your information will not be made public.** It will only be reported in combination with other provider data. Provider advocacy groups are encouraging providers who have this information to complete the survey. Watch this informational video for a brief overview: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cp6g4vug4wY&feature=em-share_video_user

Who is asking for the survey information?

The California Legislators are required to have a rate study before they can authorize a rate adjustment. They have delegated the Department of Developmental Services who contracted the company, Burns & Associates to conduct this survey.

When is it due?

Due Date for the Survey is Friday, August 3rd, 2018

What you need to complete the survey?

- Microsoft Excel (version 2010 or newer)
- Latest fiscal year information
- Staff wages and benefits
- Administrative and program costs
- Some service specific facts (staffing ratios, location information, etc.)

Where do I find the survey?

Download the survey and instructions by typing the following link: <http://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/DDSVendorRates>

Need Support?

If you are interested in obtaining support in completing the survey, please contact Christina Razo, Community Services Office Support, at 626-299-4847 or crazo@elarc.org for the designated dates and times. If you have further questions regarding the rate study, you may contact Linh Lo, Community Services Specialist at llo@elarc.org or 626-299-4897 at the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center or DDS at vendorsurvey@dds.ca.gov or (916)654-2300.

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