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Service Provider Updates

DDS Releases Four New Directives

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) released the following directives on March 29, 2021. All four DDS directives will be discussed at the [Friday 4/2 Weekly Provider Check in](#).

Provider Attestation for Absence Payments for Nonresidential Services during the COVID 19 State of Emergency Providers who claimed absence payments between May and August 2020 must attend to specific requirements in compliance with DDS May 7, 2020 Directive and requirements established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Providers will attest to the requirements through the existing provider certification in e-billing. Providers must maintain documentation, subject to review and audit, to support absence claims. Read [the full directive here](#). Read [the certification language here](#).

Guidance Regarding Reimbursement for Transportation Services for Alternative Nonresidential Services Beginning April 1, 2021, providers of transportation services will use a monthly unit rate to calculate reimbursement for Alternative Services up to a vendor monthly maximum. The vendor monthly maximum is based upon the average amount of reimbursement for the 12-months prior to February 2020, minus fuel expenses. The amount of each month's reimbursement will be determined by multiplying the monthly unit rate by the number of consumers served each month. [Read the full directive here](#). Read [the Methodology for Determining Reimbursements here](#). View the Template for Reimbursement [posted on the DDS website here](#).

Guidance Regarding Reimbursement for Group Supported Employment for Alternative Nonresidential Services Beginning April 1, 2021, providers of group supported employment will be reimbursed for Alternative Services using a monthly unit rate that is unique to each vendor. Read [the full directive here](#). Read [the Methodology for Determining the Vendor Monthly Unit Rate here](#).

Guidance Regarding Rates for New Vendors for Alternative Nonresidential Services This directive provide guidance for establishing monthly rates for Alternative Services for new vendors. For purposes of this guidance, a "new vendor" is defined as either 1) a vendorization that began in March 2020 or later; or 2) a vendorization that did not provide services within a regional center's catchment area during the 12-month period ending February 2020. New vendors may be approved for monthly rates for Alternative Services by the Department on a case-by-case basis. Read [the full directive here](#). Read [the Request for Monthly Rate for New Vendor form here](#).

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CCL PIN 21-17 Regarding Visitation, Dining, Group Activities, Outings and More

Community Care Licensing (CCL) released Provider Information Notice (PIN) 21-17 for residential service providers. This PIN supersedes the statewide waiver related to visitation and guidance on communal dining, group activities, and non-essential services dated October 6, 2020, and supersedes guidances on residents returning from outings dated November 20, 2020 and dated December 1, 2020. [View the PIN 21-17 here](#).

Check In Continues

As COVID – 19 continues to affect everyone's lives, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) continues to support innovative and creative approaches to service delivery in response to changing needs and priorities of those served by the Regional Centers. DDS continues to provide information and training on Alternative Services as well as continues to update existing and release new directives at this time. Additionally, State and Local Public Health Guidances are updated frequently, including information about testing and vaccine distribution. Because information is still developing ELARC invites all service providers to join in this weekly discussion in order to stay informed and work together.

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