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Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due Date:

Subject: Developmental Disability DD 56 & DD 156 SSI COLA Effective 1-1-15

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services(ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | |

Action Required:

Effective January 1, 2015 the Social Security Administration will implement a 1.7% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Social Security recipients. The full SSI standard (known as the Federal Benefit Rate or FBR) for one person will increase from \$721.00 to \$733.00 per month which includes:

<u>Room & Board</u>	<u>Personal Incidental Funds</u>
570.00	163.00

DD 156 Room & Board:

For authorized individuals receiving DD 156 Room & Board (DD 156), the room & board monthly rate will be adjusted to reflect the 1.7% COLA increase for January 1, 2015 forward by the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) Contract Administration Unit (CAU). Community Developmental Disability Programs (CDDPs) will see this adjustment in a Service Element Prior Authorization in eXPRS for each individual authorized by ODDS to receive DD 156 services as of January 1, 2015.

DD 56 Rent Subsidy:

For DD 56 Rent Subsidy (DD 56) the difference between room & board and the amount of room & board to be used for food (per OAR 461-155-0250) determines the amount allowable for rent from SSI. This amount is part of the calculations to determine the monthly rate for DD 56. With the 1.7% COLA increase the rates are as follows as of January 1, 2015:

<u>Room & Board</u>	<u>Amount of R&B to be used for food</u>	<u>Allowable Rent from SSI (R&B minus food)</u>
570.00	174.67	395.33

All Developmental Disability providers currently receiving DD 56 services will receive an email with the new Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheet template along with instructions of how to complete the form. This new template will reflect the change to the allowable rent from SSI as of January 1, 2015. The email will be sent out to providers receiving DD 56 services before the end of December 2014.

The Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheet will need to be completed by the Provider for each site currently receiving DD 56 services and submitted to CAU.Invoice@state.or.us by the deadline given in the email that included the Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheet template. Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheets are not to be filled out for sites that are not receiving DD 56 services.

Providers will not be able to submit DD 56 invoices for February 2015 and forward for DD 56 services until the Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheets are received, reviewed and approved by ODDS CAU.

The Rent Subsidy Budget Worksheet(s) will be sent to the email address that is currently on the provider's DD 56 Rent Subsidy Invoice template(s). If this email address is no longer valid or the template(s) needs to be sent to another person, please contact Kristina DiMatteo at Kristina.M.DiMatteo@state.or.us as soon as possible.

Once received from the Provider, the Rent Subsidy Budget worksheet(s) will be analyzed to determine if there will be a change in the DD 56 Rent Subsidy monthly rate. There will be no increase to the DD 56 total monthly rate for a site due to this SSI COLA increase. Providers will see their total monthly rate either remain the same or be reduced.

Changes to the DD 56 services monthly rate will be effective February 1, 2015. Providers will be notified via email of any changes to the DD 56 services total monthly rate for each site. With this email notification providers will also receive updated DHS DD 56 Rent Subsidy Invoice template(s) to use for services from February 1, 2015 forward. The previous version of the

template(s) is only to be used for services for February 1, 2014 to January 31, 2015. DD 56 invoices for DD 56 services submitted on the wrong template will not be processed for payment. Providers will be required to resubmit the invoice(s) on the correct template if this occurs. DD 56 invoices for services for February 1, 2015 forward can not be submitted until the provider has received the new invoice template(s) from ODDS CAU.

Reason for Action:

To inform DD providers of coming changes to their monthly rates for DD 56 and 156.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

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