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To: Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver, Medically Fragile (MF) Waiver, Mi Via (MV)

Waiver, and Supports Waiver (SW) Providers and Vendors

From: Jason Cornwell, DDSD Director

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Subject: Appendix K – Temporary Rate Increases Approved

DDSD submitted a Waiver Application Appendix K, an Emergency Preparedness and Response for Home and Community Based 1915c waivers appendix to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to request an increase in the Assistive Technology rate for the DD Waiver and an increase in Environmental Modifications rate for DD, MV, Supports and MF Waivers. DDSD has received approval from CMS for these requested temporary rate increases.

Assistive Technology: The Assistive Technology (AT) rate increase only applies to the DD Waiver. The AT rate has increased from \$500 to \$750 through March 2024 or until American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds are fully expended, whichever comes first.

Environmental Modifications: The Environmental Modifications rate increase is available to the DD, MV, Supports, and MF Waivers. The rate has increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 every 5 years until ARP funds are fully expended.

These temporary rate increases for Assistive Technology and Environmental Modifications can be utilized immediately. DDSD is working to make these rate increases permanent through the current rate study with the Public Consultant Group.