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To: All Socialization and Sexuality Providers, Case Managers, and Interested Parties

From: Jason Cornwell, Director Developmental Disabilities Supports Division

Subject: Socialization and Sexuality Education (SSE) Adding Incentive Counties

The incentive rate for Socialization and Sexuality Education (SSE) services will now be made available to SSE providers in all counties statewide effective March 1, 2022, for the Spring/Summer 2022 series.

- For all new SSE requests with start dates on or after March 1, 2022, the case manager will select the incentive rate (currently \$708.00) for SSE when submitting a Budget Worksheet for approval.
- For previously approved SSE series, the budget will need to be revised to capture the incentive rate for Spring/Summer 2022. If billing already occurred at start of a 2022 Spring Series, a void will be required by the provider. Then a budget revision with incentive code must be submitted by CM.
- Any Fall/Winter series completed prior to March 1, 2022, will not be eligible for incentive rate.

Currently, 16 out of 33 NM counties receive a standard rate for SSE services. The SSE standard rate of \$354.00 and incentivized rate of \$708.00 have remained the same since 2008 despite increased operational expenses. The unchanged SSE standard rate significantly impacts the net revenue of an SSE provider and does not adequately support a longer-term sustainable strategy to build capacity, broaden accessibility, and increase the availability of the service within communities effectively and efficiently.

For any questions or concerns please contact Heather Clark, Statewide Clinical Director at <u>Heather.Clark@state.nm.us</u> or 505-360-0371.

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