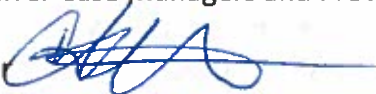


Date: December 28, 2018**DDSD-DDW Numbered Memo 2018-20****To: Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Case Managers and Providers****From: Christina Hill, DD Waiver Manager****Cc: Jim Copeland, Director; Jennifer Rodriguez, Community Programs Bureau; Scott Doan Regional Office Bureau****Subject: Issue of New Budget Worksheets and Implementation of Provider Rate Adjustments**

A provider rate increase of 2% is approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is effective January 1, 2019. The rate increase is applicable to the following Developmental Disabilities (DD) Waiver Services:

- Behavioral Support Consultation,
- Case Management,
- Community Integrated Employment Services,
- Customized Community Supports,
- Customized In-Home Supports,
- Crisis Supports,
- Living Supports,
- Nutritional Counseling,
- Preliminary Risk Screening and Consultation Related to Inappropriate Sexual Behavior,
- Adult Nursing,
- Respite,
- Supplemental Dental Care,
- Occupational Therapy,
- Physical Therapy, and
- Speech, Language Pathology.

Providers may access the fee schedule on the MAD website at:

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/providers/fee-schedules.aspx>.

Once at the webpage, accept the terms and conditions of using the website to access the DD Waiver fee schedule.

Implementation of the rate increase will proceed as follows:

1. Rate increases will be automatically paid through the standard billing and claims process for any applicable service that is provided January 1, 2019 and after.
2. No budget revisions are necessary to access the rate increase.

3. The rate adjustment is made in the NM Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and claims will be processed accordingly, even if the approved budget worksheet (BWS) does not reflect the correct rate.
4. Sequential revisions on a currently approved BWS should continue to be submitted through the standard process until the ISP term is complete.
5. Case managers are issued two new BWS; BWS V-JCM 2019-01-01 to reflect rate increases Jackson Class members and BWS V-OR-2019-01-01 to reflect both rate increases and adjustments to Suggested Dollar Amounts for non-Jackson Class Members.
6. There are no changes to the budget submission process. However, the new BWS should be used for all annual and initial (new allocations) adult submissions made on or after January 2, 2019.
7. Beginning February 1, 2019,
 - a. For Jackson Class members, the Third-Party Assessor (TPA) Qualis will issue a Request for Information (RFI) for all annual submissions that are not made on the new BWS (V-JCM 2019-01-01).
 - b. For non-Jackson Class Members, the C.O.R.E will issue a RFI for all annual and initial (new allocations) submissions that are not made on the new BWS (V-OR-2019-01-01).

Please contact DDSD Director Jim Copeland if you have any questions about decision to increase rates.