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Operations Center Update

- Heating Assistance
- Update on Fee for Service Rates
- Contract Update
- Draft Contract language changes

From DDS website, posted 1/26/09:
www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/operations_center/operations_center_update.pdf

Rate Update

- Revised group day rates have been designed as a series of equal steps. Each step is based on estimated staffing ratios. This approach eliminates the staffing modifier as a separate calculation and billing requirement.
- Transportation will utilize the same step values. This approach eliminates transportation as a separate calculation and billing requirement.
- Rates are based on a 6 hour work day.

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Rate Update

- DSO and Group Supported employment will have the same rates.
- Five vacation days have been subtracted from the attendance calculation for GSE to create a mandatory one week vacation for our supported workers.
- This approach eliminates any financial incentive to provide non-work programs and will make it easier for people to change services since the funding would not change.

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Rate Update

- Discussions with the waiver work group and other stakeholders will continue to refine the process of connecting the Level of Need tool with the rate levels.
- Supported Employment to Individuals will be paid based on the standard per hour rate based on 15 minute increments. If transportation is provided it will be billed separately on a per mile basis.

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Rate Update

- A subgroup of the waiver workgroup is looking at the Individualized Home Supports (formerly SL) rate to address some of the issues that providers have raised with the single standard rate.

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Contract Update

- Maintain the contract system for providers with funding allocations over \$ 100,000.
- On July 1, 2009 all day providers will be reimbursed based on actual attendance.
- DDS will calculate the monthly amount and reimburse providers through the normal electronic fund transfers or check process.
- Reimbursement will be based on the previous month's attendance

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Contract Update

- For providers with a surplus and are paid at or below the established Fee for Service rates there will be no recoupment of funds.
- For providers with a surplus and are paid above the established Fee for Service rates a cost settlement process will continue.

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Contract Language Changes

- Update Language changes – (ie. Individualized Home versus Supported Living, etc.)
- Service definitions revised to match waiver application
- Standard programming hours per day has been changed to 6 hours per day. Contractors with an agency rate below the established Fee for Service rate and provide less than 6 hours/day, five days/week will increase the programming hours to the standard rate in accordance with the transition plan developed to increase to the established rates.

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Contract Language Changes

- The Rates are based on 90% of a standard 250 days. Contractor will operate a minimum of 250 days a year unless fewer days are agreed upon by the contracting region.
- Whenever a temporary change in program occurs and the individual receives supports in a different program setting for more than 15 days in a quarter or 30 days in a year, the Contractor will adjust the attendance and billing code accordingly.

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Contract Language Changes

- CTH contractors will provide Nurse Consulting/health care oversight services and periodic reviews of health needs as identified in the IP for a total of up to 6 hours annually.
- CTH contractors will provide Behavioral Consulting services and periodic reviews of behavioral needs as identified in the IP for a total of up to 6 hours annually

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Contract Language Changes

- Group Day services and Sheltered Employment shall submit monthly billing based on per diem units for people who attend full day programs.
- Annual Report late submission penalties will apply to all DDS programs.
- There will be no recoupment of funds for day and Individualized Home Support providers with a surplus and are paid at or below the established Fee for Service rates there will be.
- Reimbursement of excess funds will continue for CLA, CTH and providers with a surplus and are paid at or above the established Fee for Service rates.

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