

Final Public Notice for Fee Schedule Rates and Department-Established Fees

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AUDIENCE:

Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), All Providers of Services in the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS Waivers, Targeted Support Management providers, Base Services providers, Agency With Choice Financial Management Services Organizations and Other Interested Parties

PURPOSE:

This Office of Developmental Program (ODP) communication announces that the final public notice for fee schedule rates and Department-established fees have been published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

DISCUSSION:

A public notice was published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* Volume 49, Number 47 on Saturday, November 23, 2019. The notice informs stakeholders of the final Fee Schedule Rates and Department-established fees. The title of the notice is *Fee Schedule Rates and Department-Established Fees for Consolidated, Community Living and Person/Family Directed Support Waivers Services, Targeted Support Management and the Community Intellectual Disability Base-Funded Program*. You may obtain the public notice by following this link:

<http://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/pabulletin/data/vol49/49-47/1744.html>

On October 5, 2019, the Department promulgated 55 Pa. Code Chapter 6100, which replaced 55 Pa. Code Chapter 51. Section 6100.571 (relating to fee schedule rates), which addresses the development of Fee Schedule Rates, is effective upon promulgation. As did § 51.52 (relating to fee schedule rate), § 6100.571 requires the Department to use a market-based approach to develop the Fee Schedule Rates.

The Fee Schedule Rates and Department-established fees were published as final in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on December 15, 2018 in Volume 48, Number 50. The Department subsequently revised the Fee Schedule rates for Community Participation Support services. The rates for Community Participation Support services were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on May 25, 2019 in Volume 49, Number 21. No other changes have been made to the Fee Schedule Rates for Targeted Support Management and select services funded through the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS waivers and Department-established fees for residential ineligible services since they were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on December 15, 2018 in Volume 48, Number 50.

The final Fee Schedule Rates and Department-established fees represent the maximum rates that the Department will pay and can be accessed on the Department's web site at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/ODP-Rates.aspx>. Please note that the link in the public notice is no longer accurate as the DHS website was updated in the past week.

Section 6100.571(c) requires the Department to update the data used to establish the fee schedule rates at least every 3 years. When the data is updated the Department will publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the Fee Schedule Rates. The Department will in the future only publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the Fee Schedule Rates for Targeted Support Management and select services funded through the Consolidated, Community Living and P/FDS waivers and the Department-established fees for residential ineligible services when the rates are changed.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by 11:59pm on December 23, 2019, regarding the final Fee Schedule Rates and Department-established fees to the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs, Division of Provider Assistance and Rate Setting, 4th Floor, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Comments can also be sent to ra-ratesetting@pa.gov. Use subject header "PN Fee Schedule."