

Rate Increases for Supported Employment and Pre-Employment Transition Services

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AUDIENCE:

Providers, Administrative Entities (AE's) and Support Coordination Organizations (SCO's)

PURPOSE:

To announce rate increases for Supported Employment (SE) services and OVR Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS).

DISCUSSION:

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is committed to providing quality services to Pennsylvanians with disabilities. Effective partnership with Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs) is essential to fulfilling this commitment. Recognizing the unique challenges affecting our CRPs, OVR is modifying service rates for both Supported Employment and Pre-Employment Transition Services. Please see the Supported Employment and Pre-ETS Rate Increases Memo (Attachment #1) for full details.

Regarding Supported Employment:

Effective June 11, 2022, most of our SE service rates will increase; with all *hourly* services being equitable to the current rates of similar services provided through the Office of Developmental Programs. Attachment #1 provides the details of all changes.

Effective October 1, 2022, the Employment Services Premium (SE007) and the Longevity Premium (SE008) will be discontinued. This change is being made in response to recent guidance provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center. The last date to request a premium in CWDS is September 30, 2022. Any requests submitted after September 30, 2022, will not be considered for payment.

The SE changes will be highlighted in detail during our scheduled SE training on June 9th. If you have any questions regarding the SE changes please reach out to Beth Ann Fanning (bfanning@pa.gov) or Douglas Rand (dorand@pa.gov).

Regarding Pre-Employment Transition Services:

Please review the attached memo. Any questions related to the Pre-ETS changes should be directed to Kim Robinson (kirobinson@pa.gov) and the Transition Division at OVR. Pre-ETS providers will be informed of this information in a separate communication from that team.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Supported Employment and Pre-ETS Rate Increases Memo