From: Wahlman, Jason <jason.wahlman@mercer.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 1:08 PM

To: Smith, Rick
Cc: Brown, Holly M

**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

Rick,

Here are a few times Holly and I are available over the next several days:

• Thursday, 3/10: 10-11 or 2-3 ET

• Friday, 3/11: 2-3

Monday, 3/14: 2:30-3:30

• Tuesday, 3/15: 2-3

Please let me know what works for you.

Thanks, Jason

From: Smith, Rick Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:03 AM

To: Wahlman, Jason <jason.wahlman@mercer.com>
Cc: Brown, Holly M <holly.brown@mercer.com>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

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Thank you. There are a few small rate setting activities we will need assistance on...developing a life sharing with day rate and a discussion on a NG4+ rate I want to develop to eliminate some of these exceptional rates. Could you schedule 30 minutes in the next few days? I am leaving for vacation next Wednesday.

From: Wahlman, Jason < <u>iason.wahlman@mercer.com</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:29 AM

To: Smith, Rick >

**Cc:** Brown, Holly M < holly.brown@mercer.com >; Stine, Brandon

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

Rick,

Attached please find the updated Exceptional Rate Tool. Mercer made the following updates:

- 1. Consistent with the assumptions in the FY 21/22 fee development for Residential Habilitation Group Homes and Life Sharing, we:
  - Updated wages on Assumptions worksheet
  - Updated allocation of direct care hours by position group on Assumptions worksheet
- 2. Updated all year references from FY 17/18 to FY 21/22 on Instructions worksheet and all worksheet headers

The file password is the same as what Brandon previously provided, and we have confirmed that password works for this updated version.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

## Jason

From: Wahlman, Jason

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 10:44 AM

To: Smith, Rick ; Stine, Brandon Co: Brown Holly M sholly brown@mercer.com

**Cc:** Brown, Holly M < holly.brown@mercer.com > **Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

Thank you both.

We will update the file and send back to you soon.

From: Smith, Rick
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:01 AM

**To:** Stine, Brandon >; Wahlman, Jason <<u>jason.wahlman@mercer.com</u>>

**Cc:** Brown, Holly M < holly.brown@mercer.com > **Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

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Yes to the first question. Thanks

From: Stine, Brandon < Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:38 AM

**To:** Wahlman, Jason < <u>jason.wahlman@mercer.com</u>>; Smith, Rick

**Cc:** Brown, Holly M < <a href="mailto:holly.brown@mercer.com">holly M < <a href="mailto:holly.brown@mercer.com">holly.brown@mercer.com</a>> **Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

Good morning Jason,

I am able to answer the 2<sup>nd</sup> question for you.

I believe the password that you had shared with Agnes previously was . Please let me know if this works

for you.

Thanks, Brandon

From: Wahlman, Jason < <u>jason.wahlman@mercer.com</u>>

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 5:14 PM

To: Smith, Rick <

Cc: Stine, Brandon < ; Brown, Holly M < holly.brown@mercer.com >

Subject: [External] RE: Exceptional Rate Tool

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We have a couple of questions about the tool updates:

- 1. In addition to the wage updates, should we update the allocation of direct hours by position group assumptions? We moved 5% from Bachelor's Degree to Associate's Degree for the FY 21-22 fee development.
- 2. Are you able to provide the password to unprotect the file? The Assumptions worksheet is currently locked from editing.

Thanks, Jason

From: Smith, Rick

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 3:04 PM

To: Wahlman, Jason <<u>jason.wahlman@mercer.com</u>>; Brown, Holly M <<u>holly.brown@mercer.com</u>>

Cc: Stine, Brandon >

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## Good afternoon,

We will need the assumptions tab updated on this to reflect the new wages. No particular hurry. We will hopefully be reviewing all exceptional rates in the coming months.

Thanks

## Rick Smith | Director

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