

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY OPERATIONS DIVISION
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(916) 654-1958



August 4, 2010

Public Records Act Request (PRA) received on July 30, 2010

Dear: Ms. Sepulveda-Burchit:

This letter is to respond to your PRA request for the following records:

- DDS's vendor rate for the following Title 17 service codes: 612, 615, 620
- Documentation in the form of policy or procedure from DDS indicating that for new vendors either the median rate of the 21 regional centers or the individual regional center rate would be utilized for certain Title 17 codes whichever is lower.

Pursuant to Government Code section 6253 (c), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has ten (10) days to determine if it can comply with your request, and fourteen (14) days if the records are not readily available. At this point DDS has determined that the following records are available:

- The Statewide Median Rates established for service codes 612, 615, and 620.
- The DDS letter sent to Regional Center Executive Directors, dated June 2, 2008, Subject: Calculation of Median Rates – Implementation of Trailer Bill Language effective July 1, 2008.

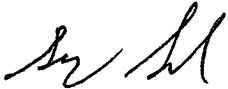
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jeffrey Greer,
Community Rate Section, at (916) 654-1961.

Sincerely,



GREG SAUL, Manager
Program Operations Branch

cc: Cindy Bosco, DDS
Armando Parra, DDS

Enclosures

SC620 – Behavior Management Consultant

Hour		
	Individual	\$50.87
	Aides	\$13.37
	Respite	\$31.68
	Intervention	\$52.39
	Consultant	\$125.00
	Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$38.01
	Group	\$76.28
Monthly		
	Individual	\$978.58
Weekly		
	Individual	\$55.00
Other Rate Types		
	Assessment	\$66.94
	Supervision	\$75.00
	Mileage Rate	\$0.39
	Per Visit (Mileage)	\$9.49
	Camp/aide per hour	\$40.00
	Special Rate/Flat Rate (Z) Specific to SCLARC	\$600.00
	Half-Hour	\$30.90
	Evaluation / Hour	\$67.50
	Out of office Call	\$9.49
	Session	\$637.50

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DATE: June 2, 2008

TO: Regional Center Executive Directors

SUBJECT: Calculation of Median Rates – Implementation of Trailer Bill
Language effective July 1, 2008

In the January/ February 2008, Special Legislative Session, trailer bill language was adopted and states the following:

No regional center may negotiate a rate with a new service provider, for services where rates are determined through a negotiation between the regional center and the provider, that is higher than the regional center's median rate for the same service code and unit of service, or the statewide median rate for the same service code and unit of service, whichever is lower. The unit of service designation must conform with an existing regional center designation or, if none exists, a designation used to calculate the statewide median rate for the same service. The regional center shall annually certify to the State Department of Developmental Services its median rate for each negotiated rate service code, by designated unit of service. This certification will be subject to verification through the department's biennial fiscal audit of the regional center.

Citations: WIC Section 4681.6(b) - Residential Services
WIC Section 4689.8(b) - Supported Living Services
WIC Section 4691.9(b) - Negotiated Rate Services

To assist regional centers with the associated workload, Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) staff has completed the initial calculation of each regional center's median rate for specified service codes for which the regional center may negotiate a rate. DDS used the following information and parameters in calculating these initial computations for regional centers' review and certification:

1. Rate information for the period from January - December 2007, as reflected in the Rate Table and POS data files was used;

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2. Duplicate rates for the same vendor were deleted. Duplicate rates are defined as a) a 2006, rate replaced by a 2007, rate for the same vendor or b) two identical rates for the same vendor with slightly different narrative as to purpose;
3. The following categorizations were used in the rate calculations: hourly; daily, weekly, monthly; on an individual and/or group basis. Rate data that did not match these unit types were not included in the DDS calculations. However, as there is significant variability among regional centers regarding how (unit of service, provider qualifications, group size, etc.) negotiated rates have been established, a regional center is not bound by these categorizations if they do not match the regional center's historical rate setting practices;
4. Where identifiable to DDS, vendors for which the regional center pays only a portion of the full rate based on a collaborative agreement with another entity, such as Education or Mental Health, for dual funding were excluded; and
5. Service Code 113, Specialized Residential Facility (SRF) was divided into three calculations: SB 962 Homes, SRF CPP Homes, and SRF.

In a separate e-mail, DDS will send its calculations to each individual regional center for review and validation. The document sent to you allows the regional center to center its own median rate calculations by service code and unit type should the DDS calculation be inaccurate or not accurately reflect the unit of service used by the regional center in establishing the corresponding rate. Regional centers should retain the data or information used to calculate its own median rate for audit purposes.

Please review this data, make any necessary revisions, and return a signed certification statement regarding the established median rate for each service code **by June 23, 2008**, to the address below:

Greg Saul, Branch Manager
Department of Developmental Services
1600 Ninth Street, Room 320, MS 3-12
P.O. Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Greg Saul, Branch Manager at (916) 653-3749 or via email at greg.saul@dds.ca.gov

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We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation on completing this task.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

RITA WALKER
Deputy Director
Community Operations Division

cc: Greg Saul, DDS

Statewide Median Rate July 2008

SC612 – Behavior Analyst

Hour		
	Individual	\$65.00
	Supervision	\$75.00
	Assistant	\$50.87
	Tutor	\$31.08
	Consultant Orientation Linda Oliver	\$57.50
	Community Placement Plan (CPP)	\$57.50
Monthly		
	Group	\$1,175.00
Other Rate Types		
	Session	\$30.00
	Train – Flat Rate	\$1,200.00
	Assessment – Flat Rate	\$1,200.00
	Out of Office call	\$9.49
	Per Item	\$75.00

SC615 – Behavior Management Assistant

Hour		
	Individual	\$35.00
Other Rate Types		
	Assessment	\$300.00
	Out of Office Call	\$9.77