

RATE ACTIONS HISTORY
July 2003 through June 2015

FY 2003/04 (Ongoing except as noted below)

- Rate freeze for community-based day programs and in-home respite agencies with rates set by DDS
 - No Permanent rate conversions
 - No revendorization for higher rates
 - No program design modifications
 - No anticipated rate adjustments
- Rate freeze for some services with rates set through negotiation between the regional center and the provider including supported living, transportation and “look alike” day programs.

FY 2004/05

- Rate freeze for Work Activity Programs (WAPs - rates set by DDS), and no adjustments (e.g. conversion to permanent rates, anticipated or unanticipated rate adjustments)

FY 2006/07

- 3% rate increase to all providers with rates set by DDS including respite, day programs, WAPs, and residential facilities with rates set through the Alternative Residential Model (ARM). Increase also applied to some services set through negotiation between the regional center and the provider including supported living and transportation.
- Supported Employment Program (SEP) rate increase: \$27.62 to \$34.24.
- 3.86% Wage Enhancement – Only for providers of specified services (e.g. day or work activity programs) who either already provided services in integrated community settings or were converting to integrated settings. Increases approved by DDS on individual provider basis.
- Rates Increased Due To Minimum Wage Increase
 - Rates increased for respite and day programs with rates set by DDS. Also applied to some residential facilities with rates set through the Alternative Residential Model (ARM).

FY 2007-08

- Rates Increased Due To Minimum Wage Increase
 - Rates increased for work activity programs, respite and day programs with rates set by DDS. Also applied to some residential facilities with rates set through the Alternative Residential Model (ARM).

FY 2008-09

- Rate freeze for all services with rates set through negotiation between the regional center and the provider
- Statewide Median Rates Implemented
 - New vendors of services with rates set through negotiation between the regional center and the provider were restricted to either the statewide median or the regional center median, whichever was lower.
- 10% Decrease for SEP: \$34.24 to \$30.82

FY 2009-10

- 3% Payment Reduction
 - All Services except SEPs and providers with “Usual and Customary” (U&C) rates

FY 2010-11

- Additional 1.25% Payment Reduction (4.25% total)
 - All Services except SEPs and providers with U&C rates

FY 2011-12

- New Survey: Statewide Median Rates

FY 2012-13

- 3% Payment Reduction Restored
 - All Services except SEPs and providers with U&C rates

FY 2013-14

- 1.25% Payment Reduction Restored
 - All Services except SEPs and providers with U&C rates

FY 2014-15

- Rates Increased Due to Minimum Wage Increase
 - Rates increased if necessary due to change in statewide minimum wage. With the exception of supported employment providers, this applied to all services with rates established by DDS (e.g. respite, community-based day programs, ARM rates, etc.) and rates set through negotiation between the regional center and the provider.
- 5.82% Rate Increase Due To Federal Change In Overtime Exemption
 - Effective Jan. 1, 2015
 - Rates increased due to the narrowing of the “companionship services” overtime exemption for direct service staff providing home care services. The rate increases applied to In-home Respite Agencies, Supported Living Services providers, and Personal Assistance providers.