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To: Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services Providers

From: Cathy Robinson, Director, Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services **Re:** Provider rate increase implementation plans guidance and webinar

Date: August 11, 2021

The Indiana Legislature's 2021 approved budget bill included a 14% rate increase for direct support professionals through efforts of partners such as The Arc of Indiana and INARF. The intent of these funds is to support the overall goal of getting DSP wages at or near \$15 an hour. Therefore, the rate increase requires an authorized service provider to use at least 95% of the amount of the increase in the reimbursement rate to pay payroll tax liabilities and to increase the wages and benefits paid to eligible direct care staff.

The following services are included in the rate increase:

- Adult day services Level 1, 2 and 3
- Prevocational services
- Respite
- Extended services
- Day habilitation Individual and Group Small, Medium and Large
- Workplace assistance
- Transportation services Level 1, 2 and 3
- Participant assistance and care
- Facility based support
- Residential habilitation and support (daily & hourly)

A webinar has been scheduled, for Aug. 19, 2021, for providers of these services to review the elements needed for submission of the required implementation plans due to the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services by **Sept. 1, 2021**.

Webinar: Provider implementation plan development webinar

Date: Aug. 19, 2021 Time: 10 – 11 a.m. EDT

Click here for the webinar link.

Support materials are available under BDDS section of the DDRS announcement's page.

