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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Michael S. Jackson
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Chair, Joint Finance Committee

The Honorable Harris B. McDowell, III
Co-Chair, Joint Finance Committee

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Cabinet Secretary

DATE: July 29, 2019

SUBJECT: **Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Direct Support Professional Rate Allocation per Section 180 of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Bill**

Below is our revised proposal to allocate the \$4,158,000 included in the FY 2020 Operating Budget for rate increases for services provided by Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) that work for providers contracted with the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS).

Section 180 of House Bill 225, the FY 2020 Operating Bill, requires that DDDS provide a plan for approval to "equitably" allocate these funds. The proposal originally submitted on July 17, 2019 was revised after discussion with staff at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Controller General's Office (CGO) about the intent of new funding.

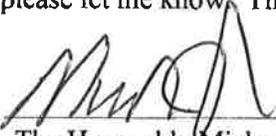
To best meet the needs of the provider and client communities, as well as comply with the intent of the epilogue, DHSS will be increasing rates for six (6) services – to ensure that all services provided by DSPs are funded to at least 68.2% of the 2019 Benchmark Rates. The remaining nine (9) services will remain at their current rates. This allocation is noted below.

	FY 19 DSP Rates (as of 7/1/18)	Adjust to Fixed % of BR (68.2%)	Difference from FY 2019 Rate	% Increase / (Decrease) from current rates	Rates as % of 2019 Benchmark Rates
Residential Habilitation Agency	\$25.80	\$26.89	\$1.09	4.2%	68.2%
Supported Living	\$25.80	\$41.25	\$15.45	59.9%	68.2%
Day Habilitation - Facility-Based	\$25.20	\$28.04	\$2.84	11.3%	68.2%
Day Habilitation - Non-Facility Based	\$25.59	\$31.09	\$5.50	21.5%	68.2%
Day Habilitation - Community Participation (1:1)	\$42.49	\$42.49	-	0.0%	70.2%
Day Habilitation - Community Participation (1:2)	\$22.11	\$22.11	-	0.0%	73.1%
Prevocational - Facility Based	\$25.20	\$28.04	\$2.84	11.3%	68.2%
Prevocational - Non-Facility-Based	\$25.59	\$31.09	\$5.50	21.5%	68.2%
Supported Employment (1:1)	\$54.18	\$54.18	-	0.0%	70.2%
Supported Employment (1:2)	\$27.22	\$27.22	-	0.0%	97.6%
Supported Employment (1:3)	\$18.85	\$18.85	-	0.0%	101.4%
Supported Employment (1:4)	\$14.66	\$14.66	-	0.0%	105.1%
Supported Employment (1:5)	\$12.15	\$12.15	-	0.0%	108.9%
Supported Employment (1:6)	\$10.47	\$10.47	-	0.0%	112.6%
Supported Employment (1:7)	\$9.27	\$9.27	-	0.0%	116.3%

Your consideration is appreciated so we can communicate with the provider community and implement these rates for FY 2020.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

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 The Honorable Michael S. Jackson

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