

SERVICE PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Rate Study Implementation

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Rate Study Background

- DDS and HMA-Burns conducted a comprehensive vendor rate study (ABX 2-1). The rate models established in March 2019 proposed standardized rates within each Regional Center for most services.
- In February 2022, DDS and HMA-Burns updated the rate models/“benchmark rates” to include the \$15 per hour California minimum wage assumption, an inflation estimate, updated benefits cost, and the IRS mileage rate.
- For the April 1, 2022 rate adjustment, there are no changes in service code, program design, or billing units (hours, days, etc.); and no rates will be reduced.

Rate Study Background

The Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DDS Budget included the implementation of the Rate Study (AB 136). The timeline for the AB 136 Rate Adjustment Implementation is as follows:

April 1, 2022

- 25% of difference between March 31, 2022 rate and applicable rate model/“benchmark rate”

July 1, 2023

- 50% of difference between March 31, 2022 rate and applicable rate model/“benchmark rate”

July 1, 2025

- Full implementation of rate models with two payment components
 - Base rate equaling 90% of the rate model/“benchmark rate”
 - Quality incentive program component of up to 10% of the rate model/“benchmark rate”

*Alternative Services Nonresidential Monthly Rates are not subject to the rate adjustment.



Rate Study Implementation Process

Data Sharing & Review

- DDS/HMA-Burns compiled Rates Files using POS data as of June 30, 2021
- Over 154,000 individual vendor rates state-wide
- Service codes separated into four (4) batches
- RCs checked for missing rates, discrepancies, courtesy/shared vendors, and “bundled/unbundled” amounts
- RCs provided service detail: Reviewed program designs and service agreements; reached out to service providers
- If 3/31/2022 Rate Unit different Rate Model/“Benchmark” Unit, provided tail to convert units
- DDS/HMA-Burns calculated the Rate Adjustments

Rate Study Implementation Status

Batch 1

025 - Tutor Services
062 - Personal Assistance
073 - Parent Coordinator Supported Living Prog
091 - In-Home/Mobile Day Program
093 - Parent-Coordinated Personal Assist Service
109 - Program Support Group-Residential
110 - Program Support Group-Day Service
111 - Program Support Group-Other Services
520 - Independent Living Program
645 - Mobility Training Services Agency
650 - Mobility Training Services Specialist
680 - Tutor
950 - Supported Employment-Group
952 - Supported Employment-Individual
954 - Rehab Work Activity Program

Batch 1: DDS Final Rates received; Rate Letters being sent

Batch 2

055 - Community Integration Training Program
063 - Community Activities Support Services
505 - Activity Center
510 - Adult Development Center
515 - Behavior Management Program Behavior Management
525 - Social Recreation Program
894 - Supported Living Service Vendor Administration
905 - Residential Facility Serving Adults-Owner Operated
910 - Residential Facility Serving Children-Owner Operated
915 - Residential Facility Serving Adults-Staff Operated
920 - Residential Facility Serving Children-Staff Operated

Batch 2: DDS Final Rates received; Rate Letters being sent

Rate Study Implementation Status

Batch 3

108 - Parenting Support Services
113 - DSS Licensed-Spec Residential Facility
115 - Specialized Therapeutic Services (Consumers 3 to 20)
116 - Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services
117 - Specialized Therapeutic Services - (Consumers 21 and Older)
605 - Adaptive Skills Trainer
805 - Infant Development Program
860 - Homemaker Services
862 - In-Home Respite Services
864 - In-Home Respite Worker
875 - Transportation Company
880 - Transportation-Additional Component
882 - Transportation-Assistant
883 - Transportation-Broker
896 - Supported Living Services

Batch 3: DDS Final Rates Pending

Batch 4

048 - Client/Parent Support Behavior Intervention Trng
420 - Voucher Respite
465 - Participant-Directed Respite Services
475 - Participant-Directed Community-Based Training Svcs./ Adults
612 - Behavior Analyst
613 - Associate Behavior Analyst
615 - Behavior Management Assistant
616 - Behavior Technician-Paraprofessional
620 - Behavior Management Consultant
635 - Independent Living Specialist
900 - Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home Facility Component
901 - Enhanced Behavioral Supports Home
902 - Community Crisis Home Facility Component
903 - Community Crisis Home
904 - Family Home Agency

Batch 4: RCs Reviewing DDS Initial Rates



Rate Study Adjustments—effective April 1, 2022

HRC Rate Letters

- Sample
- Vendor Excel file from DDS/HMA-Burns
- HRC's website: <https://www.harborrc.org/current-providers>

Updated Rate Models by RC (614 pages!)

- Rates vary across RCs because the Rate Models include differences in regional cost assumptions such as wages, travel, and other
- Providers with Courtesy/Shared Rates may have different rates depending on where the service is provided
- DDS website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/vendor-provider/>
- HMA-Burns website: <https://www.burnshealthpolicy.com/DDSVendorRates/>

Rate Study Adjustments—effective April 1, 2022

Service Providers Should Review:

- Assumptions
 - Vendor Excel file
 - Updated Rate Model

Email questions to: ratesquestions@harborrc.org

DDS is developing instructions for when for SPs disagree with rates

Rates will be updated in HRC's Accounting System after March eBilling is paid (mid-April)



Rate Study Adjustments—effective April 1, 2022

DDS Set Rates

- Adult Community Care Facilities (Residential)
- Children’s Community Care Facilities (Residential)
- Community-Based Day Programs and In-Home Respite Agencies
- Work Activity and Supported Employment Programs Rates
- Other Rates

For New Programs—

- DDS is updating the Median Rates with the Rate Model/“Benchmark” Rate and calculating the 25% difference