

Action Request Transmittal Developmental Disabilities Services



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Issue date: 11/07/2024

Topic: Developmental Disabilities

Due date: 12/31/2024

Subject: Rate Increase for DD Adult Foster Care Services Effective January 2025

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): DD Adult Foster Care Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Action required:

A rate increase and the splitting of Service Prior Authorizations (SPAs) for Adult Foster Care Services is being completed by the eXPRS Team. After the splitting of the SPAs is completed, a notification will be posted to the eXPRS Login Page. To ensure a successful split, CDDP staff **must take the following action by 12/31/2024:**

1. Review the rates on the newly split Draft SPAs to verify the rate is correct and make adjustments if needed.
2. Submit these SPAs that are in Draft status.

Additionally, starting on 11/08/2024 we ask CDDPs not to add or edit SPAs for Adult Foster Care providers until after the eXPRS Team completes the rate increase and SPA splits. CDDPs also do not need to manually adjust the rates on existing SPAs for the services listed in the section below. If your CDDP has already manually added a rate increase to the SPAs for the services listed below effective 01/01/2025, please set them back to the previous rate to prevent providers from being overpaid. For additional details about the work being done, see the next section.

Reason for action:

As part of the 2023-25 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Adult Foster Care Providers, ODDS will be increasing service rates 4.5% for the following services effective January 1st, 2025:

- **SE158/ORAF/NA** - DD Adult Foster Care Services
 - Please note that the bargained rates are for Adult Foster Care Settings; if there is an adult placed in a Child Foster Care setting the bargained rate does not apply.
- **SE257/OR526/ZE** – Attendant Care, 2:1 Staff Support (from \$15.97 an hour to \$16.69 an hour).
 - This adjustment applies to 2:1 rates for both Child and Adult Foster Care

Please note that the rate increase **does not** apply to the following Foster Care Services:

- **SE257/OR005/WD** - To/From work Mileage reimbursement
- **SE257/OR005/WE** – Community transportation mileage reimbursement
- **SE258/ORCF/NA** - DD Children’s Foster Care services

The eXPRS Team will implement the rate increases for these services by 11/21/2024. Existing SPAs for these services in Draft, Pending or Accepted status **and** that are in eXPRS as of 11/08/2024 will be split to a new SPA in Draft status with the increased rate. The Begin Date for these new SPAs will be set to 01/01/2025.

A notification will be posted on the eXPRS Login Page when this split work is completed. Then, CDDPs can resume adding new SPAs for DD Adult Foster Care services. CDDPs will need to ensure that the SPA date ranges align with the rate increase effective dates, and that the correct rate is entered for the applicable SPA dates.

For example, if a CME needs to create a SPA that will cross the 12/31/2024 to 01/01/2025 date range, two SPAs must be created:

- 1) The 1st SPA must have a **Begin** and **End Date** prior to 12/31/2024, and the rate must be the previous rate.
- 2) The 2nd SPA must have a **Begin** and **End Date** after 01/01/2025, and the rate must be the new rate.

If a SPA for these services is created which crosses the 12/31/2024 to 01/01/2025 date range, the user will receive the following error, which can be resolved by following the chart below:

Error Message:	What it Means:	How to Fix It:
<i>Your request could not be completed because: No positive ranked continuous rate for service element [***] procedure code [OR***] modifier code [**] between [mm/dd/yyyy and mm/dd/yyyy]</i>	The eXPRS Rate Table has a date break that falls within the date range of the SPA you're attempting to submit. Since there is no continuous NTE rate table entry for that service, the SPA must be broken up into date ranges that align with the rate table date ranges/breaks.	Adjust the SPA(s) date range(s) to align with the rate table date ranges, and then use the rate that applies for each separate SPA date range

If additional assistance is needed, please see the [Service Prior Authorization \(SPA\) Problem Solving Matrix](#). If the issue still cannot be resolved, please submit a Technical Assistance Request.

For situations where a SPA has an associated SD paid at an incorrect rate, please submit a POC Rate Update request to the ODDS.FundingAllocationCoordinator@odhsoha.oregon.gov inbox.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No
If yes, reviewed by:

If you have any questions about this action request, contact:

Contact(s): ODDS Funding Allocation Coordinator	
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