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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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Rate Book Updates for Therapy Services

In March 2020, the Arizona Legislature passed and Governor Ducey signed into law [House Bill 2668](#) (Laws 2020, Chapter 46) which established a second assessment effective October 1, 2020. Per the new law, monies from this assessment are to be deposited into the Health Care Investment Fund (HCIF) to:

- Make directed payments to hospitals pursuant to 42 CFR § 438.6(c) to persons eligible for Title XIX services.
- **Increase base reimbursement for services reimbursed under the dental fee schedule and physician fee schedule.**
- Pay for the non-federal share of the costs for AHCCCS to administer this program, not to exceed one percent of the total assessment monies collected.

An updated [Rate Book](#) and [rate lookup files](#) have been posted on the DDD website. Vendors can use the claims replacement process for services rendered and paid at the previous rates from October 1, 2020, to today. In July 2021, DDD will manually recalculate the differential for any remaining claims paid at the previous rates to process retroactive payments to vendors. Vendors can use the new rates for services that they have not yet submitted claims for dates of service since October 1, 2020.

Please note, as a result of this rate increase, effective March 1, 2021, vendors can no longer bill for Absent Units.

Vendor Surveys for Specific Services Reminder

On Friday, January 15, 2021, the Division published a new round of surveys to determine the impact upon specific services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In that announcement, DDD requested Qualified Vendors who provide the identified services complete the associated survey no later than close of business **Wednesday, February 10, 2021**. The participation rate for this round of surveys has been very low. It is critical for vendors to complete these surveys for all the services they provide as DDD uses this data to assess the state of the network and make decisions related to survey payments and other current funding. In addition, DDD needs a representative sample to finalize the survey payment amounts for qualifying services for this round of surveys and will begin issuing payments as soon as that threshold is reached. Please complete the surveys as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. If you have any questions or concerns please email dddbusinessoperationscomments@azdes.gov.