DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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## DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

# **PROVIDER RATE INCREASE VIRTUAL FORUMS**

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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Governor Doug Ducey and the Arizona State Legislature approved funding in the most recent Legislative session for the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to increase rates paid to Qualified Vendors for Home and Community Based (HCBS) services.

A series of virtual forums will be hosted by DDD in August 2022. We encourage members, families, vendors and providers to attend. DDD will talk about its proposed plan for provider rate increases. Attendees can provide input about the services they feel are in most need of rate increases. As DDD develops provider rate increases using funding provided in the FY2023 budget, DDD will take into account:

- Feedback from these forums.
- Submitted written comments.
- An analysis of data including, but not limited to network adequacy and changes in the minimum wage.

The forum schedule is listed below. Qualified Vendors and providers who cannot attend a forum can review the presentation on the DDD website and submit comments using this <u>online form</u>.

## Virtual Forum Schedule

#### **Providers**

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Join by Internet <u>https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1616982432</u>
- Join by Phone 1-669-254-5252, Meeting ID 161 698 2432

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Join by Internet https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1612668603
- Join by Phone 1-669-254-5252, Meeting ID 161 266 8603

#### Members, Families and Providers

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Join by Internet <u>https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1615317433</u>
- Join by Phone 1-669-254-5252, Meeting ID 161 531 7433

### **Members and Families**

Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Join by Internet <u>https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1600957741</u>
- Join by Phone 1-669-254-5252, Meeting ID 160 095 7741

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Join by Internet <u>https://azdes.zoomgov.com/j/1611077218</u>
- Join by Phone 1-669-254-5252, Meeting ID 161 107 7218