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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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## DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

### TEMPORARY INCENTIVE RATES AND PAYMENTS REMINDER

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors

Transmittal Date - 08/30/2020

As communicated in the [August 28, 2020, vendor announcement](#), vendors will no longer be able to bill using those temporary incentive rate adjustments effective September 1, 2020. In September 2020, any additional DDD funding will consist of potential lump sum incentive payments and COVID-19 positive rates only.

In lieu of rate adjustments, vendors will be eligible for potential lump-sum incentive payments, starting with the sixth round of surveys. These surveys will be released the week of September 14, 2020, via vendor announcement. Qualified vendors must respond to these surveys in order to be eligible for the potential lump sum incentive payment. The Division will use the data gleaned from surveys along with an evaluation of the areas of the network where utilization has been impacted to determine any potential lump sum payments that may be issued to address COVID-19 related expenses. The Division will maintain the issuance of increased rates to vendors providing services to members who have recently tested positive for COVID-19.

In the past month, DDD has sent out frequent and targeted communications encouraging qualified vendors to apply for the [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund \(PRF\)](#), which outlines the distribution of funds across the nation to hospitals and healthcare providers on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

If approved, providers would be eligible to receive a general distribution payment equal to 2% of their total patient care revenue in 2019 or 2020. The DDD vendors will receive approximately \$22 million from the PRF.

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