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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD Business Operations

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TRANSMITTAL DATE: July 30, 2018

TOPIC: Arizona DES DDD 2018 Rate Rebase Study (Second Round)

Target Audience – All Qualified Vendors

Notification of Provider Focus Groups for the HCBS Rate Rebase Study

The Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) together with our contractor, Navigant Consulting, Inc., invites members of the provider community to participate in the second round of focus group meetings that will take place the week of August 13-17, 2018 as part of the 2018 Rate Rebase Study.

In these focus groups, we will discuss home and community-based services (HCBS) provided to individuals with developmental disabilities through Arizona's Medicaid waivers. DDD and Navigant will provide information on the following:

- purpose of the rate rebase study,
- components of the rate models,
- impact of Proposition 206/414 on our rate development process,
- methodology for development of the benchmark rates, and
- timeline for publishing the final adopted rates for SFY2020.

Through these focus groups, we would like your feedback on our methodology and components of the benchmark rates.

For the provider community, we will hold one focus group in Flagstaff, six focus groups in Phoenix and five focus groups in Tucson during the week of August 13-17, 2018. Each focus group will discuss a specific service area as outlined in the tables below. **PHOENIX**

Monday, August 13th	9:00am – 10:30am	Day Treatment and Training
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Employment Services
	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Group Homes
Thursday, August 16th	9:00am – 10:30am	Home Based Services
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Developmental Homes

	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Professional Services (Nursing & Therapies)
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Tuesday, August 14th	10:00am – 12:00pm	Day Treatment and Training & Employment Services
	1:30pm – 3:00pm	Group Homes
Wednesday, August 15th	9:00am – 10:30am	Home Based Services
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Developmental Homes
	2:00pm – 3:30pm	Professional Services (Nursing & Therapies)

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Friday, August 17th	10:30am – 12:30pm	Day Treatment and Training & Group Homes
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Focus group meetings will be limited to 15 participants per provider type, per location. **Due to space limitations, please plan for only one attendee to represent each provider agency in each session. This will be strictly enforced to maximize the number of provider organizations who wish to attend.**

We invite you to register to participate in a meeting in your area. Please send an email to ArizonaDDDSurvey@navigant.com to request participation in a focus group by **Monday, August 6, 2018**. RSVPs will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The address and meeting room location will be provided upon confirmation of your attendance.

Please provide the following information with your response:

- Provider Name
- Attendee Name
- Attendee Email
- Attendee Phone Number
- Service category of focus group
- Location and time of the focus group you wish to attend

Any questions regarding this communication may be directed to Patrick Hays, DDD Finance Manager, at PHays@azdes.gov or calling (602) 542-6814.

We appreciate your time and interest in Arizona’s home and community-based services and the 2018 DDD Rate Rebase Study.

Thank you!