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TRANSMITTAL DATE: March 8, 2018

TOPIC: Arizona DES DDD 2018 Rate Rebase Study

Target Audience - All Qualified Vendors

Notification of Provider Focus Groups

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 volunteer to participate in focus group meetings that will take place the week of March 19-23, 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 purpose of the rate rebase study, the components of the rate models, and the details of the provider survey that will be released in April. Through these focus groups, we would like to learn more about your thoughts on the HCBS delivery system, rate composition and other factors that may impact provider costs.

We invite you to register to participate in a meeting in your area. We will hold two focus groups in Flagstaff, 10 focus groups in Phoenix and six focus groups in Tucson during the week of March 19-23, 2018. Each focus group will discuss a specific service area as outlined in the tables below.

FLAGSTAFF

Table with 3 columns: Day/Date, Time, and Services. Monday, March 19 has two time slots: 12:00pm-2:00pm (Group Home Services) and 3:00pm-5:00pm (Day Treatment and Training Services).

PHOENIX

Table with 3 columns: Day/Date, Time, and Sessions. Tuesday, March 20 has two time slots: 9:00am-11:00am (Session A: Day Treatment and Training Services, Session B: In-Home Nursing) and 1:00pm-3:00pm (Session A: Home-Based Services including Specialized Habilitation, Session B: Employment Support Services).

	4:00pm – 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Session A:</i> Group Home Services</li> <li>• <i>Session B:</i> CFO Forum</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, March 23</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Session A:</i> Home-Based Services including Specialized Habilitation</li> <li>• <i>Session B:</i> Developmental Home Services</li> </ul>
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Session A:</i> Therapies</li> <li>• <i>Session B:</i> Day Treatment and Training Services</li> </ul>

**TUCSON**

<b>Wednesday, March 21</b>	1:00pm – 3:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Session A: Therapies</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Session B: In-Home Nursing</i></b></li> </ul>
	4:00pm – 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Session A:</i> Group Home Services</li> <li>• <i>Session B:</i> Employment Support Services</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, March 22</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Session A:</i> Day Treatment and Training Services</li> <li>• <i>Session B:</i> Home-Based Services including Specialized Habilitation</li> </ul>

Focus group meetings will last two hours and will be limited to 15 participants per group, per location. DDD and Navigant Consulting will be leading each focus group. **Due to space limitations, please plan for only one attendee to represent each provider agency.**

**To volunteer:** Please email [ArizonaDDDSurvey@navigant.com](mailto:ArizonaDDDSurvey@navigant.com) to request participation in a focus group by **Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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](mailto: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 Rate Rebase Study.

***Thank you!***