



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

GROUP HOME VALUE BASED PAYMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

As a follow up to the [vendor announcement](#) that was sent out on Thursday, March 26, 2020; DDD would like to thank all of the vendors who completed the survey on short-notice! During this state of emergency related to COVID-19, our methods of evaluating the availability of services and the need for different payment arrangements to vendors must be based on the availability of good data that gives us a solid picture of where the need is so we can develop strategies to address critical needs. Using the data collected, we were able to evaluate the increased costs related to personal protective equipment, supplies, and overtime by direct care staff.

The survey you filled out will also serve as a pay-for-reporting mechanism that will allow us to make a lump sum payment to your company. We will be processing payments early next week and the vendors should receive payment by April 13. The methodology is to release funds to help stabilize vendors for the short-term, with plans to revisit and monitor issues in the next coming months. This is an initial step and the Division intends to monitor and provide additional funding mechanisms, as necessary.

The payments are based on 15% of a typical month's utilization and will pay out up to \$5 million across the network for this service. September through November 2019 dates of services were used to calculate an average month since these months were the most complete billing months. The services in the analysis included group home (HAB), nursing-supported group home (HAN), and community-protection group home (HPD).

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