



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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PROVIDER RATE INCREASE 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 that will allow the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) to increase rates paid to Providers for DDD funded services.

Before implementing any rate increases, the Division is seeking input from the Provider and Member communities. Division representatives will host forums in seven locations across the state between July 9 and 25, 2019. The forum goals are to: 1) enable the Division to present its initial plan for Provider rate increases to address the services it believes will contribute to a strengthened provider network and 2) hear from the DDD community about which services they feel are most in need of rate increases. As DDD develops provider rate increases using funding provided in the FY2020 budget, the Department will take into account feedback from these forums, written comments submitted to the department, and an analysis of data including but not limited to services with unassigned authorizations, network adequacy, and changes in the minimum wage.

The schedule of events is listed below. Due to space constraints, please send no more than one representative per agency. The Division will also post a video version of the presentation on the DDD website shortly after the first forum, where there will be an opportunity to provide comments electronically in response to the video presentation. The meeting schedule is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: DATE, TIME, LOCATION. It lists seven forum events from 7/9/2019 to 7/25/2019, including locations like 24th Street Conference Center, VFW Post 7968, and Lake Havasu City Community Center.