

Unanticipated Rate Increases

NLACRC Webinar August 12, 2016



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WHAT?

“Unanticipated Rate Increase”

- Pursuant to CCR, Title 17, Section 57920(c) and 58420, a Community-Based Day Program or an In-Home Respite Services Agency may seek an unanticipated rate change funding from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) due to mandated service adjustments due to changes in, or additions to, existing statutes, laws, regulations or court decisions.
- Effective July 1, 2016, both the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles passed local ordinances that will increase worker minimum wages and paid sick time.
- Regulatory process for Community-Based Day Programs & In-Home Respite services to seek an unanticipated rate increase due to local ordinances increasing worker minimum wage and paid sick time.

<http://www.nlacrc.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=4231>

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WHAT?

NOT:

ABX2-1 Health & Safety
related rate increases
(another process):

[http://www.nlacrc.org/
modules/showdocume
nt.aspx?documentid=4
227](http://www.nlacrc.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4227)

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WHO?

Vendored Community-Based Day Programs & In-Home Respite services providers who provide services under the following service codes:

Service Code	Service Description
505	Activity Centers
510	Adult Development Centers
515	Behavior Management Programs
520	Independent Living Programs
525	Social Recreation Programs
805	Infant Development Program
862	In-Home Respite Agencies

NOTE: Other service providers for other service codes may apply by a separate "Health and Safety" process.

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HOW?

- All Community Based Day Programs or In-Home Respite Services Agencies requesting an unanticipated rate increase shall submit the following information to both directly to DDS and copying the vendoring regional center by the required deadline (see “when” above):
 - A. Vendor Name
 - B. Vendor Number
 - C. Name and Title of Vendor
Contact Person
 - D. Vendor Business and Mailing
Address
 - E. Office telephone number
 - F. The specific reason for the rate
adjustment request
 - G. All supporting documentation
and any other
information
necessary to
substantiate and/or
justify the request
 - H. The name of the vendoring
regional center and
utilizing regional
center(s), if any.

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WHY?

- To offset increased labor costs from recent changes in minimum wage laws.
- To benefit from allowed increase in payment of services.
- To meet regulatory deadline to not be denied for untimely submission.

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WHEN?

SUBMISSION:

Regulations provide that any unanticipated rate increase request shall be submitted to DDS within sixty (“60”) days of the effective date of change or by August 29th of each calendar year.

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WHEN?

DDS REVIEW:

- Pursuant to CCR, Title 17, Section 57924, within fifty (50) days of receipt of the rate adjustment request, DDS is required to review the service provider's unanticipated rate adjustment request to determine if it's complete and complies with regulatory requirements.
- If the service provider's unanticipated rate adjustment is complete and complies with regulatory requirements, DDS is required under regulations to approve the unanticipated rate adjustment request.
- If the service provider's unanticipated rate adjustment is incomplete DDS will provide written notice to the service provider. The service provider must provide DDS a response within fifteen (15) days of written notification by DDS. If the service provider does not respond within the fifteen (15) day period, DDS is required under regulations to deny the service provider's unanticipated rate adjustment request.
- If the service provider's unanticipated rate adjustment does not comply with regulatory requirements, DDS will provide written notice to the service provider of its decision.

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WHERE?

Regulations provide that any unanticipated rate increase request shall be submitted

DIRECTLY to DDS

Community Rates Section
Department of Developmental Services
1600 9th Street, Suite 320 MS 3-8
Sacramento, CA 95814
RateAdj@dds.ca.gov

NLACRC must be copied

Community Services Department
North Los Angeles County Regional
Center
15400 Sherman Way, Suite 170
Van Nuys, CA 91406
raterequest@nlacrc.org

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SUMMARY

- Service providers must submit:
 - Directly to DDS
 - Copy NLACRC
- DEADLINE:
 - August 29,2016

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SUMMARY

Service Providers are strongly encouraged to obtain additional information and clarification through the following Resources and Contacts for questions related to unanticipated rate increases.

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RESOURCES?

- [View the cover letter re. the regulatory process to seek an unanticipated rate increase due to either L.A. City or L.A. County minimum wage increase ordinances:](http://www.nlacrc.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=423)
<http://www.nlacrc.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=423>
- [View the FAQ document re. the regulatory process to seek an unanticipated rate increase due to either L.A. City or L.A. County minimum wage ordinances:](http://www.nlacrc.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=42301)
<http://www.nlacrc.com/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=42301>
- [Information about the Budget Analysis Tool for regulatory process to seek an unanticipated rate increase due to either L.A. City or L.A. County minimum wage increase ordinances:](http://www.nlacrc.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4227)
<http://www.nlacrc.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4227>
- [NLACRC's Unanticipated Rate Form:](#)
- City of Los Angeles website:
<https://wagesla.lacity.org>
- County of Los Angeles website:
www.lacounty.gov
- DDS website: www.dds.ca.gov

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