



# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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**December 7, 2015**

To: **All NLACRC Service Providers**

Subject: **Rate Changes due to Minimum Wage Increase effective January 1, 2016**

Due to the enactment of Assembly Bill 10, effective January 1, 2016, the California minimum wage will increase from \$9.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour. As authorized by the 2015 State budget and 2014 changes to the Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4681.6(b), 4691(f) and (g), and 4691.9(b), both the Department of Developmental Services (“DDS”) and North Los Angeles County Regional Center (“NLACRC”) are authorized to increase rates as a result of the minimum wage increase for eligible service providers. This letter contains information for service providers affected by the minimum wage increase and the process for submitting rate adjustment requests for eligible service providers.

### **1. Rates set by DDS**

#### **A. Work Activity Programs (“WAP”), service code 954:**

WAP’s may request a rate increase if any employees are paid less than \$10.00 per hour. Instructions to submit a rate increase to DDS may be found at [www.dds.ca.gov/MinWage](http://www.dds.ca.gov/MinWage) and WAP’s may begin submitting rate adjustment requests to DDS at any time. All requests for a minimum wage rate adjustment must be submitted directly to DDS by email at [rateadj@dds.ca.gov](mailto:rateadj@dds.ca.gov) and copy of such request should be sent to either NLACRC’s Community Services Department at 15400 Sherman Way #170, Van Nuys, CA 91406 or emailed to [vendorfaq@nlacrc.org](mailto:vendorfaq@nlacrc.org). All requests from WAPs must be received by DDS no later than **Thursday, March 31, 2016**.

#### **B. Community-Based Day Programs (“CBDP”), service codes 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, and 805:**

CBDP’s may request a rate increase if any employees are paid less than \$10.00 per hour. Instructions to submit a rate increase to DDS may be found at [www.dds.ca.gov/MinWage](http://www.dds.ca.gov/MinWage) and CBDP’s may begin submitting rate adjustment requests to DDS at any time. All requests for a minimum wage rate adjustment must be submitted to DDS by email at [rateadj@dds.ca.gov](mailto:rateadj@dds.ca.gov) and copy of such request should be sent to either NLACRC’s Community Services Department: 15400 Sherman Way #170, Van Nuys, CA 91406 or emailed to [vendorfaq@nlacrc.org](mailto:vendorfaq@nlacrc.org). All requests from CBDP’s must be received by DDS no later than **Thursday, March 31, 2016**.

#### **C. In-Home Respite Agencies (“IHRA”), service code 862:**

DDS will revise the rates for all IHRA’s and DDS will provide the regional centers with a copy of the revised IHRA rate letter.

### **2. Rates established in regulation or statute**

#### **A. Voucher and Participant-Directed Respite Services, service code 465 (formerly service code 420), pursuant to WIC, Section 4690.2(b)(2):**



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Effective January 1, 2016, the new hourly rate for Voucher and Participant-Directed Respite services will increase from \$11.88 per hour to \$13.10 per hour. The new Voucher and Participant-Directed Respite Services rate of \$13.10 per hour will be reflected on your January 2016 invoices from NLACRC.

B. Non-Mobile Supplemental Staffing, service codes 505, 510, 515, and 525, pursuant to CCR, Title 17, Section 57530:

Effective January 1, 2016, the new hourly rate for Supplemental Rate for Community-Based Day Programs serving non-mobile consumers will increase from \$1.08 per consumer per hour to \$1.20 per consumer per hour (from \$6.48 per consumer per day to \$7.20 per consumer per day). The new non-mobile supplemental staffing rate of \$1.20 per consumer per hour (\$7.20 per consumer per day) will be reflected on your January 2016 invoices from NLACRC.

### 3. Alternative Residential Model (“ARM”) rates

A. Community Care Residential Facilities, service codes 905, 910, 915, 920 and 869 (out-of-home facility respite)

Effective January 1, 2016, the ARM rates for all community care residential facilities will increase according to each facility’s established service level. NLACRC has enclosed a copy of the proposed ARM rates effective January 1, 2016. The new ARM rate will be reflected on your January 2016 invoices from NLACRC.

### 4. Negotiated Rates

A. Negotiated rate service providers, includes service codes 8, 17, 20, 21, 25, 28, 34, 48, 51, 55, 56, 62, 63, 72, 73, 77, 84, 90, 91, 94, 93, 94, 96, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 455, 470, 605, 610, 612, 613, 615, 616, 620, 625, 627, 630, 635, 642, 643, 645, 650, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 691, 692, 693, 694, 720, 743, 790, 850, 851, 855, 860, 869, 875, 880, 882, 883, 894, 896

Negotiated Rate service providers may request a rate increase directly from NLACRC if any employee is paid less than \$10.00 per hour. Instructions to submit a rate increase to NLACRC may be found at [www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org) and negotiated rate vendors may begin submitting rate adjustment requests to NLACRC at any time. All requests for a minimum wage rate adjustment must be emailed to NLACRC at [raterequest@nlacrc.org](mailto:raterequest@nlacrc.org). All requests from negotiate rate service providers must be received by NLACRC no later than **Thursday, March 31, 2016**.

While this correspondence provides you a summary of the rate increases and the process to request a minimum wage rate adjustment, NLACRC encourages you to visit DDS’s website at [www.dds.ca.gov](http://www.dds.ca.gov) or NLACRC’s website at [www.nlacrc.org](http://www.nlacrc.org) to obtain general information about the minimum wage increase, as well as detailed instructions for submitting rate adjustment requests. If you have any other questions about this information, please contact NLACRC’s Community Services Department information phone line at 818-756-6127.