

ODP Email: Exceptional Residential Rates Eligible for ARPA One-Time Relief Payments

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Subject: NEA Supplemental Payment for Recruitment and Retention

To: Providers with exceptional residential rates

Re: ARPA Supplemental payment

Per ODP Announcement ODPANN 21-086 revenue from exceptional residential rates was excluded from the initial calculation of the 5% recruitment and retention supplemental payment. ODP is now allowing providers with currently approved NEA rates to request a supplemental recruitment and retention payment for the fee-schedule equivalent portion of NEA revenue. In order to receive this supplemental payment providers must:

1. Complete the attached spreadsheet for all NEA individuals for which you are requesting a supplemental payment
 - a. If a provider has multiple NEA individuals, they should be listed on multiple rows within the same spreadsheet
 - b. Estimate expected billing days for “with” and “without” day services between 4/1/21 and 3/31/22. Total must not exceed 365.
 - c. Save the file as “xxxxxxxxNEASupplemental.xls” where xxxxxxxx is your MPI
2. Submit the completed spreadsheet via e-mail to me at riesmit@pa.gov by **January 31, 2022**
 - a. The subject line of the e-mail should read “MPI xxxxxxxx NEA Supplemental Request” where “xxxxxxxx” is your MPI
 - b. The body of the e-mail must include the following attestation: ***I attest that for the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, (name of provider) has and will provide staff for individuals with exceptional needs for whom the provider receives an exceptional residential rate at the levels identified in the approved Needs Exception Allowance form.***
3. ODP will validate all submissions received by January 31, 2022 and process payment via Gross Adjustment as soon as possible thereafter.

In the event that you are unable to provide this attestation because your current staffing is different from what was included in your approved NEA request (due to, for example, staffing issues or the need to relocate/consolidate a home), you are not eligible to receive the supplemental payment and should:

1. Notify the AE so the person’s plan can be revised to the applicable fee schedule rate, or
2. Complete a new NEA request, reflecting the level of staff support being provided and submit the request to the rate setting mailbox at ra-ratesetting@pa.gov.

If you have questions, please direct them to me at riesmit@pa.gov.

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