

TO: OVR Staff

FROM: Ryan Hyde, Acting Executive Director 
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RE: Rate increases for the provision of Supported Employment and Pre-Employment Transition Services

ISSUED: June 6, 2022

EFFECTIVE: **June 11, 2022**

DISCUSSION:

The Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) is committed to providing quality services to Pennsylvanians with disabilities. Effective partnership with Community Rehabilitation Providers (CRPs) is essential to fulfilling this commitment. Recognizing the unique challenges affecting our CRPs, OVR is modifying service rates for both Supported Employment and Pre-Employment Transition Services as outlined below.

Supported Employment

For new Supported Employment purchase orders created on or after June 11, 2022, OVR Supported Employment rates will increase to align with those offered by the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) as detailed below. This change will provide equitable compensation for comparable services funded through both agencies. Purchase orders created prior to June 11, 2022, will not be cancelled and re-authorized under the new rate.

1. Intake and Assessment:

Supported Employment Support Plan (SESP) SE000 increased to \$300.

Community Based Work Assessment (CBWA) SE100 increased to \$72 per hour.

2. Non-Performance Based Supported Employment Services:

Job Mentoring Services SE009 increased to \$450 per month.

Job Retention Services SE010 increased to \$750 per month.

Intermittent Supported Employment Services SE011 increased to \$72 per hour.

3. Performance Based Supported Employment Services:

Phase 1 Job Development SE001 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 1 Job Development Extension SE001E increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 2 Job Placement SE002 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 3 Eight Week Job Maintenance SE003 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 4 Job Stabilization Payment SE004 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 5 Case Closure Payment SE005 increased to \$72 per hour.

Extended Services SE006 increased to \$72 per hour.

4. Discovery and Customized Employment Services:

Discovery SE110 increased to \$2880.

Discovery Profile SE111 increased to \$720.

Customized Employment Planning Meeting SE112 increased to \$360.

Visual Resume SE113 increased to \$360.

Phase 1 Customized Job Development SE101 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 1 Customized Job Development Extension SE101E increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 2 Customized Job Placement SE102 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 3 Customized Eight Week Job Maintenance SE103 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 4 Customized Job Stabilization Payment SE104 increased to \$72 per hour.

Phase 5 Customized Case Closure Payment SE105 increased to \$72 per hour.

Customized Employment Extended Services SE106 increased to \$72 per hour.

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Furthermore, effective October 1, 2022, the Employment Services Premium (SE007) and the Longevity Premium (SE008) will be discontinued. This change is being made in response to recent guidance provided by the Vocational Rehabilitation Technical Assistance Center. The last date to request a premium in CWDS is September 30, 2022. Any requests submitted after September 30, 2022, will not be considered for payment.

Pre-ETS

For new Pre-ETS purchase orders created on or after June 11, 2022, OVR Pre-ETS rates will increase as detailed below. Purchase orders created prior to June 11, 2022, will not be cancelled and re-authorized under the new rate. Changes are indicated below in red with an asterisk.

Table 1: Service Rate Information

| Service Name | Student Type | Cost | Stipulations |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Instruction in Self-Advocacy | Potentially eligible students and up | *\$12.50/half hour per student | *Groups of 2 to 8 students; Max of 30 hours. |
| Independent Living Skills Training | Potentially eligible students and up | *\$12.50/half hour per student | *Groups of 2 to 8 students; Max of 30 hours. |
| Job Exploration Counseling | Potentially eligible students and up | *\$12.50/half hour per student | *Groups of 2 to 8 students; Max of 30 hours. |
| Workplace Readiness Training | Potentially eligible students and up | *\$12.50/half hour per student | *Groups of 2 to 8 students; Max of 30 hours. |

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| Group Travel Training | Potentially eligible students and up | \$33/hour per student | *Groups of 2 to 8 students; Max of 30 hours. Student transportation costs to be reimbursed separately. |
| *Individual Travel Training | *Students in Plan Status | *\$63/hour | *Max of 30 hours. Student transportation costs to be reimbursed separately. Individualized evaluation of present levels and one-on-one instruction to meet the individual needs of each student. |
| Group Shadowing | Potentially eligible students and up | \$33/hour per student | *Groups of 2 to 8 students; Max of 30 hours. Service cannot be pre-recorded and should be in-person. Virtual must be approved by OVR prior to start of service. |

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| Job Shadowing | *Potentially eligible students and up | *\$315/shadow (Up to 5 units) | *Provider may offer a stipend of \$50 to student upon completion. To receive payment, student must spend at least 1 hour with employer and provider must do at least 1 hour of preparation with the student. Flat fee. Service cannot be pre-recorded and should be in-person. Virtual must be approved by OVR prior to start of service. |
| Paid Work Experience – Development | 02 and up | *\$63/hour | Up to 20 hours of development |

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| Service Name | Student Type | Cost | Stipulations |
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| Paid Work Experience – Learning | 02 and up | *\$63/hour | *Up to 45 hours for students in 02. Service should be in-person. Virtual must be approved by OVR prior to start of service. An additional 45 hours of learning can be authorized once student is in IPE, or full 90 hours of learning may be authorized for students in a plan status. |
| *Zone 1 Time-limited Student Transport by Provider | *Potentially eligible and up | *\$18.83 (fixed) | *Flat rate to transport student to a Pre-ETS. Rate is based on the mileage from the student’s home to the service location and is only paid when a student is in the vehicle. One way. (Greater than 0 and up to 10 miles) |

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| Service Name | Student Type | Cost | Stipulations |
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| *Zone 2 Time-limited Student Transport by Provider | *Potentially eligible and up | *\$33.85 (fixed) | *Flat rate to transport student to a Pre-ETS. Rate is based on the mileage from the student's home to the service location and is only paid when a student is in the vehicle. One way. (Greater than 10 and up to 30 miles) |
| *Zone 3 Time-limited Student Transport by Provider | *Potentially eligible and up | *\$50.46 (fixed) | *Flat rate to transport student to a Pre-ETS. Rate is based on the mileage from the student's home to the service location and is only paid when a student is in the vehicle. One way. (Over 30 miles) |

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