

## MEMORANDUM

TO: OPWDD Providers

FROM: Donna M. Cater  
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DATE: September 11, 2020

SUBJECT: January 1, 2020 and April 1, 2020 OPWDD Fee Updates

In accordance with the 2019/2020 Enacted Budget, effective January 1, 2020, the following fees have been updated to include a two percent increase in annual salary and fringe benefits for direct support professionals. Effective April 1, 2020 the fees include an additional two percent increase in annual salary and fringe benefits for direct support professionals as well as a two percent increase in annual salary and fringe benefits for clinical staff. These compensation increases were implemented to help alleviate the recruitment and retention challenges associated with the eligible staff positions and to continue and expand efforts to support the professionalism of the direct care workforce.

- Community Based Prevocational
- Family Care Residential Habilitation
- Higher Needs Funding
- Intensive Behavioral Services (IBS) – 04/01/2020 update only
- OPWDD Community Habilitation (OPWDD SAME)
- Pathway to Employment
- Respite Hourly
- Supported Employment (SEMP)

The January 1, 2020 and April 1, 2020 fees have been posted to the Department of Health webpage at: [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/rates/mental\\_hygiene/](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/rates/mental_hygiene/).

If you have any questions regarding, please submit them to: [mhrs@health.ny.gov](mailto:mhrs@health.ny.gov).

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