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Earlier today, a small group of Provider Association Reps spoke with OPWDD leadership to review progress on Day Hab and Pre Voc billing and program services. As negotiations are ongoing, they've asked us to hold some of the information close as they work through their necessary steps. What we can share is that there is agreement for much of the billing flexibility that we had proposed including the reduction of the time for units of service. These will be presented both to CMS and to DOB.

Kate Marlay believes that the turnaround time at CMS will be short. If we gain such flexibility, there will be revenue codes assigned along with limitations for the number of units that can be billed and paid. More to come there.

Approval for service units on weekends for individuals living at home also seems to be part of the package.

All of the above are proposed changes that need to go through the many hurdles of government in a very harried budget environment.

What will be a much tougher road is the approval for the State share, that 30% of the retainer payment that we need to provide the stability for the services and workforce.

It will be up to the Day Hab providers to maximize their ability to deliver Service Units, whether we attain the retainer payment or not.

We should get some updates by mid-week.

Keep you posted.