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Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers Rate Increase Update

Last fall the Department submitted its overall budget request to the Joint Budget Committee for review. Included in the Department's overall request was an increase to the Alternative Care Facility (ACF) rate by 25%. The increase has been included in the state budget, which was signed by the Governor April 30, 2018.

The Department is proceeding with plans for implantation of the rate increase, with the earliest effective date being October 1, 2018. Prior to implementing the new rate, the Department must receive approval for this targeted rate increased from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The ACF rate increase will impact the following HCBS waivers:

- Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD)
- Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS)

The current ACF rate is \$51.92. With the expected 25% increase, the new ACF rate will be \$64.88 per day.

As the Department works toward implantation of this targeted rate increase, we will continue to provide updates through provider bulletins and stakeholder communication.

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