

## **FAQs**

### **Rate Study Briefing and Public Comment Process**

#### **If I am unable to attend either of the two briefings on the rate models, how can I access the information that was presented?**

The information presented during the public briefings will be available on both the [DDS](#) and [Burns & Associates](#) websites beginning February 25. This will include the PowerPoint presentation, rate models, and a document on regional variation. During the week of March 4, 2019, the same materials presented during the two briefings with a voice-over narrative will also be posted on those websites.

In addition, a livestream of the Northern California briefing is available for those who cannot attend an in-person briefing. The Northern California briefing will be streamed live [here](#) on February 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and February 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### **Where can I find more information about the development of the rate models?**

All the source documents used to develop the rate models will be available on the [Burns & Associates](#) website. A link to these documents will also be on the [DDS Rate Study webpage](#).

#### **Will the Rate Study report due to the Legislature on March 1 be available to the public?**

Yes, on March 1, 2019, the Rate Study report will be available on both the [DDS](#) and [Burns & Associates](#) websites.

#### **How do I submit public comments regarding the rate study?**

A representative from each regional center has been assigned to collect public comments from their regional center's vendor community, families, consumers, and interested parties. Additionally, several provider and advocacy organizations have also agreed to be points of contact to collect public comments.

Designated representatives from these organizations and the regional centers will collect comments, summarize them to prevent duplication, and submit them to Burns & Associates. *Burns & Associates will accept public comments via the designated representatives through March 22, 2019.* The optional template for submitting public comments is available [here](#).

#### **What type of comments should be submitted?**

Comments should be specific and include substantive feedback. Examples may include: services missed in developing the rate models, mischaracterized services, or other input that will improve the quality of the rate study.

#### **Websites and Links**

February 25 & 26 Livestream Link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/CaliforniaDDS/live>

DDS Website: <https://www.dds.ca.gov>

DDS Rate Study Webpage: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/RateStudy>

Burns & Associates Website: <http://www.burnshealthpolicy.com>