

DDS Rate Study Public Comment

Background

Consistent with the requirements of Chapter 3, Statutes of 2016, Second Extraordinary Session (ABX2 1) and Welfare and Institutions Code section 4519.8, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will submit to the legislature a rate study on the provision of community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) contracted with Burns & Associates Inc., a national health policy consulting firm, to conduct the rate study.

DDS and Burns & Associates are seeking input from the public, specifically the members of the Developmental Services Task Force's Rates Workgroup and the Regional Centers' vendor advisory committees on the rate study and rate models. These comments will be considered and the rate models may be revised as appropriate.

To assist with streamlining comments on the rate study, in addition to the DS Task Force members, DDS has solicited the assistance of Regional Centers and their Vendor Advisory Committees (VAC) to be the point of contact for their vendor community, families, consumers, and interested parties. Additionally, some provider and advocacy organizations have agreed to act as designated representatives to collect, summarize and submit public comments. A list of the representatives from individual Regional Center and advocacy organization that will collect public comments will be posted in the DDS website on the week of February 25.

The designees will then submit the comments to B&A. To assist the public in comment submission, an optional comment template is attached below. The Department is requesting comments be focused on specifics regarding the rate models; such as missed services, mischaracterized services, or any input that would improve the quality of the rate models.

[Instructions for submitting comments to your Regional Center or Advocacy Organization representative](#)

The template is divided into three sections: 1) comments relating to the rate study process, 2) comments about the draft rate models in general, and 3) comments about draft rate models for a specific service. Each section is further divided into a number of topical areas, including an 'other' category for anything that does not fall into the listed categories.

Commenters should use the field(s) that reflect their suggestions. If a commenter is offering input on multiple specific services, the service-specific form should be copied as many times as needed.

Commenters are encouraged to be as specific as possible and are welcome to include any documentation that supports their position.

Comments are being accepted through April 5, 2019. Please provide sufficient time for the representative to incorporate your feedback in the comments summary to be submitted to B&A.

DDS Rate Study Public Comment – Process Related

Name/Agency
(Optional)

Comment Topic	
Provider Survey	
Family and Consumer Survey	
Public Comment Process	
Other	

DDS Rate Study Public Comment – Cross-Service Code

(for comments that affect multiple or all service codes)

Name/Agency
(Optional)

Comment Topic	
Wages	
Benefits	
Productivity Factors	
Supervision and Program Operations	
Administration	
Other	

DDS Rate Study Public Comment – Specific Service Code

(you can copy this form if you have comments on other services)

Name/Agency
(Optional)

Service Name/
Code

Comment Topic	
Wages	
Benefits	
Productivity Factors	
Supervision and Program Operations	
Administration	
Other	