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Dear Waiver Participant and Legally Authorized Representative:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides increased federal funding to support states in enhancing services for Medicaid home and community-based services like those offered on the Comprehensive and Supports Waiver (DD Waiver) programs. The Division of Healthcare Financing (Division) identified increases to provider reimbursement rates as a key priority for the enhanced federal funding that is available through ARPA. More information on the Division's priorities can be found in its initial [Spending Plan](#),

The Division, in collaboration with Guidehouse Consulting, recently completed a study of DD Waiver provider reimbursement rates, which is required every two to four years in accordance with Wyoming Statute §42-4-120(g). The results of this study have been published in the Comprehensive and Supports Waivers SYF2023 Provider Rate Study report (Rate Report), which was released on October 4, 2021.

The Division has recommended increases to many provider reimbursement rates, based on the results of the rate study. No services will receive a decrease in the reimbursement rate. These rates were submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on November 12, 2021 and, if approved, will be effective February 1, 2022. The cost of these increases will be paid through the enhanced funding available through ARPA. The enhanced federal funding through ARPA will be available through March 31, 2024. The increases to provider reimbursement rates beyond March 31, 2024 are not guaranteed and will be subject to budgetary appropriations as determined by the Wyoming State Legislature.

As a result of the temporary increases to many provider reimbursement rates, you may see a change to your individual budget amount (IBA) for your current individualized plan of care (IPC) beginning on February 1, 2022. Your case manager may also need to modify your plan to ensure that your services are not impacted. If you are a participant of the Comprehensive Waiver, your IBA will be readjusted when your IPC renews to ensure that you are able to purchase the same services that were on your IPC as of April 1, 2021. If you are a participant of the Supports Waiver, your IBA will be increased when your IPC renews as follows:

- **Children under the age of 21 - \$22,267**
- **Adults ages 21 and older - \$25,991.**

Please work with your case manager and plan of care team to account for these changes in your IBAs during your next annual plan renewal meeting. For additional information on the rate changes, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions for the February 2022 DD Provider Rate Change. This document, as well as the updated Comprehensive and Supports Waiver Service Index and fee schedule, can be found at <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/hcbs/servicesandrates/>.

Sincerely,



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