

NDACP Payment System – Talking Points on the DD Payment System & Potential Questions

Providers have asked for meetings with the DHS Executive Director, Assistant Director, and DDD Director regarding these issues. To date, the meeting hasn't been scheduled.

1. **Property Costs** for new facilities and facilities needing to be built to continue the deinstitutionalization of the Life Skills & Transition Center. There should be some incentive in the system to build facilities to meet the specialized needs of individuals continuing to reside there.

Question: Does the payment system include higher property costs for new facilities & construction?

2. **Night Staff** – Providers are concerned about the issue of night staff; it does not appear that it is adequately addressed for people with high needs or who live in smaller settings. We don't know what DHS is proposing.

Question: Did DHS include all staffing costs in the payment system, including night staff?

3. **Transition Period** – We want providers to be successful. Providers are still waiting on facts & it's hard to know what would be needed. We recommend a 1-2 year transition period with blended funding, but we can't make that decision on existing information.

Question: Is there a transition period to the new system?

4. **Rates** – Providers recommend that the rates be individualized by the use of a "multiplier." We've heard no official response on this.

Question: Will the use of the multiplier be acceptable to DHS?

5. **Outliers** - Individuals whose needs aren't fully met with the use of the Supports Intensity Scale (SIS), because of difficulty assessing medical or behavioral needs. The initial goal was to reduce outliers to 5%-10%. We may be at 30% with the current system. We've had no official response to this issue.

Question: How will outliers be managed in the new system?

6. **Statement of costs** – the draft Statement of Costs completed by the Departments seems excessive and more lengthy than current reporting. We support the proposal from NDACP Business Managers, which is much more concise. DHS appeared to disregard this recommendation.

Question: Can the NDACP Business Manager draft statement of costs be used?