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Transition to Community Living Arrangements/Continuous Residential Supports Level of Need Based Rates

- The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) began the transition to Community Living Arrangements (CLA) and Continuous Residential Supports (CRS) Level of Need (LON) based rates for all Providers whose total agency current authorizations were more than or less than 10% from the initial LON rate authorizations on July 1, 2014.
- DDS will start the transition to residential LON based rates for all CLA and CRS providers beginning on January 1, 2015.
- The residential transition will be for an initial adjustment equal to 3% of the total amount the agency is over/under the CLA/CRS LON based rates.
- All providers should have received an email from DDS on December 2, 2014 with an Excel spreadsheet that identified the provider's authorizations and the changes to be made based on the transition to Residential LON rates. This is a "Picture in Time" based on what was happening in September.
- All providers should have received an email from DDS on December 8, 2014 with a letter from the Operations Center that identified the provider's total difference between the estimated LON authorizations versus the current annual authorizations and the identified 3% adjustment amount. There will be no changes allowed to this amount.
- Providers are to contact the regional resource manager who is prime for your agency no later than December 31, 2014 with the name(s) of the participant(s) whose authorizations will be adjusted. This will not be an across the board adjustment for all of a provider's contract service authorizations.
- Providers should review the Excel spreadsheet to verify:
 - ✓ Contract service authorizations are correct
 - ✓ Current LON score
 - ✓ Correct number of beds for the home
 - ✓ New home exemption
 - ✓ Participant is funded through another agency
 - ✓ Transportation range and trips are correct
 - ✓ Current utilization resource review (URR) approvals.
 - ✓ Identify unique characteristics of the home (ie. the participant(s) work at night, participant (s) require direct support from an LPN or RN, participant is transported by another agency, etc)
- Over the next six months the prime region will meet with all CLA/CRS providers to review the transition effect on the organization and agency specific information.
- Providers that will receive an increase/decrease of more than \$ 100,000 and/or an amount greater than 10% of their total annualized authorizations must complete a transition plan.
- DDS will hold a second meeting for all providers that are required to submit a transition plan. All transition plans must be approved by DDS.
- On July 1, 2015 and annually thereafter providers will move 1/7 of the total amount the agency is over/under the residential LON based rates.
- The transition should be completed by July 1, 2022.

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