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Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Smith, Rick
Cc: Stenglein, Kelsey; Brown, Holly M; Wahlman, Jason
Subject: [External] RE: PA ODP - IDA Service List for Review

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Thank you for providing this information Rick. We will incorporate the feedback from Julie into our IDA service list.

Please let us know when ODP would like to schedule a call to discuss the IDA rate refresh in more detail. Specifically, we would like to review the following:

- ODP's review of service assumptions
- Regional BLS wage comparison

Thanks,
Holly

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To: Smith, Rick <[REDACTED]>; Ahrens, Kristin <[REDACTED]>; Yale, Jeremy <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: [External] PA ODP - IDA Service List for Review

Hi Rick. We had a policy check-in with Kristin this morning and discussed this briefly.

- We believe that we need to refresh the assumptions for the AWC FMS Admin Fees. In the past we sent out a survey (attached) so I don't know if we would need to do something similar now. We should also be looking at all rates and

wage ranges for participant direction. I believe Mercer developed the participant direction wage ranges for us based on the final rates selected for traditional services.

- CPS On-Call and Remote Support is different than direct CPS rendered using remote technology. We believe that we need to refresh the CPS On-Call and Remote Support assumptions.
- Regarding the development of Enhanced Communication Fees:
 - We do not need this for Homemaker/Chore as it is not a service rendered directly to the individual.
 - Similarly we do not need an Enhanced Communication Fee for Family Caregiver Support Counseling 1:1 without the participant present (90846), we do need it when the participant is present (90847).
 - We didn't develop an Enhanced Communication Fee in the past for Supports Coordination or TSM.

Kristin also recommended that you set up a meeting for us to discuss the rate refresh internally. Please include Lauren and anyone from your team who you think should attend.

Thanks!

From: Smith, Rick [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Ahrens, Kristin [REDACTED]; Yale, Jeremy [REDACTED]; Mochon, Julie [REDACTED]
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Not exactly sure who the IDA waiver team is, but I'll start with you guys. I imagine we need to refresh AWC FMS Admin fees. Not sure we need to relook at anything for remote services or the CPS work we did previously for AAW. Just refresh data. Correct?

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Good afternoon Rick,

Attached please find the list of services Mercer has identified for the IDA rate refresh. This list covers the residential and non-residential services offered in the Consolidated, Community Living and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) waiver programs, including the Agency with Choice Financial Management Services you verified on Friday. Specifically, we referred to the residential, non-residential (community services), and agency with choice fee schedules on the ODP website when identifying services to include in the refresh.

The service list is unique across waivers, so the same service is only included once even if it is covered in multiple waivers.

We have included a column at the far right side (shaded in yellow) where we'd like ODP to confirm whether a service should be included in Mercer's fee modeling for these waivers. Please forward to the IDA waiver team as needed for the review. While Mercer has begun setting up the relevant wage and pricing models, we will need ODP to confirm the included services before we can develop our draft fee ranges. Please provide an estimate of when ODP will be able to review the service list. Also, please let us know if you would like Mercer to schedule a call to walk through any changes.

Below please also find the links to the current assumption logs that we are incorporating into our initial modeling. We understand that the ODP workgroup will be reviewing the assumptions, but if there are other assumption logs (or any adjustments) we should use for our draft fee models, please let us know.

[Assumption Logs:](#)

Non-Residential Assumptions Log: [Non-Residential Assumptions Log \(c_289999\).pdf \(pa.gov\)](#)

Residential Assumptions Log: [ODP FY 17 18 MRWG - Residential Assumptions Log \(pa.gov\)](#)

Residential Ineligible Assumptions Log: [ODP FY 17 18 MRWG - Residential Ineligible Assumptions Log \(pa.gov\)](#)

PDS Assumptions Log: [ODP FY 17 18 MRWG - PDS Assumptions Log \(pa.gov\)](#)

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