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Good Morning,

In follow-up to Tuesday's discussion, please see the recap below of the decisions made during our call. We are finalizing the VF/EA wage exhibit to incorporate these changes, so please let us know of any questions or concerns.

The FY 2022 VF/EA wage ranges will reflect the following:

1. A lower bound wage of \$7.25 for the Enhanced services ('In-Home and Community Supports – Enhanced' and 'Unlicensed In-Home Respite and Out-of-Home Services – Enhanced')
2. A lower bound wage of \$7.25 for all Enhanced Communication (U1) services
3. A wage range for high school staff level for the three enhanced services (in addition to the wages when delivered by a higher skilled worker), with the wage range set equal to the equivalent non-enhanced service
4. The upper bound wage percentile will remain at the 75th percentile of the BLS wages, consistent with those incorporated into the AWC/PDS fees
5. To be consistent with the current process reflected in the published VF/EA wage ranges for FY 2021, **Mercer will calculate the Enhanced Communication/ASL upper bound wages to be 12.5% higher than the corresponding non-ASL service.** Given that the published VF/EA wages did not apply the full 27% differential for Enhanced Communication services (as was used in the PDS fee development), Mercer has applied this policy to the FY 2022 wage ranges in the exhibit. Note that this will affect the VF/EA wage exhibit only and will not be reflected in the PDS fee ranges that Mercer provided previously.

Thank you,
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