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Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Smith, Rick
Cc: Brown, Holly M
Subject: RE: [External] RE: ID rate refresh

Hi Rick,

Thank you for confirming the ID/A rates will be the same across the waivers (with the exception you noted). We do have a few additional questions:

1. We understand that the fees are effective 10/1. When does ODP need the draft fee ranges from Mercer in order to meet the 10/1 timeline? Given the volume of services, this will take us a few weeks, but we would like to know the timelines ODP has set internally. We can then let you know how quickly we can get the draft fee ranges to you.
2. Will the fees be effective 10/1/21 – 6/30/22 (same as AAW)?
3. Is your expectation that, similar to AAW, there will be minimal changes to the assumptions for the other waivers except for wages and ERE?
4. We assume we would be using the statewide BLS wages and adjusting for the SFY 2022 Philadelphia minimum wage of \$14.25 where necessary?
5. Regarding your comment below for CPS, it sounds like ODP plans to implement the CPS enhanced staffing level services (i.e., W5994; W5997; W9353 and W9356) as well as CPS rates with the U1 modifier. Please confirm.

Note that we are focusing on the AAW rate refresh now and will plan for a more formal kick-off of the work for the other three waivers when the AAW work is wrapped up in the next week or so.

Thank you,
Jason

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Yes, that is generally correct. The one exception may be CPS enhanced rates will need to continue for ID waivers (per CMS), but we will have a refreshed CPS rate in AAW.

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Rick,

Can you please confirm that ODP plans to have the same 10/1 fees for services included in multiple waivers (i.e., the fee for a particular service does not differ by waiver)? That is how things work currently, but we want to confirm this is still the approach going forward.

Thanks,
Jason

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Good afternoon,

Since we don't have enough going on at the moment (lol)...we have been given the go-ahead to start working on the rate refresh for the consolidated, community living and pfd's waivers. This is going to be essentially an exercise to bring data current, not much time reviewing assumptions. Plan would be to be ready to implement new rates 10/1. Let me know how you want to kick it off or if you need anything else from me.

Thanks,
Rick

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