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# Membership Meeting

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**AUGUST 25, 2023**





# TPA Updates

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- Upcoming TPA Meetings and Events
- Center for Healthcare Solutions Annual Showcase
- ShareSource Group Purchasing Organization (GPO)
- NADSP Annual Conference

# Launching from Common Ground

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# Annual Healthcare Solutions Showcase



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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# GPO Informational Sessions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 11 AM - 1 PM AND 2 PM - 3:00 PM

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## ShareSource

Efficient, Effective  
Purchasing Solutions



# National Alliance for Direct Support Professional (NADSP)

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# Technology & Innovation

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## Jeremy Yale

Bureau of Policy and Quality Management  
Office of Developmental Programs

- ODP Technology Taskforce
- Technology Accelerator
- Technology Training, My Tech for All



# Technology & Innovation

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**Marian Tresky**

Assistant Administrator

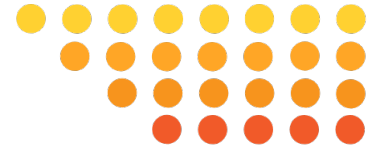
Allegheny County Department of Human Services

Office of Developmental Supports

ODP Technology Taskforce

Allegheny County – UPMC Health Plan Collaborative

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# TPA Updates

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- Collaboration with PA ID/A Associations
- 2023 ID/A Workforce Survey



# 2023 ID/A Workforce Survey

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**Steve Forest**

Director, Data Analysis and Special Projects  
Center for Healthcare Solutions

2023 Survey Tool

Timeline

Publication & Distribution



Pennsylvania Advocates and Resources  
for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities



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August 24, 2023

Kristin Ahrens, Deputy Secretary  
Department of Human Services  
Office of Developmental Programs  
625 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Subject: Request to Immediately Initiate Fee Schedule Rate Update



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for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities



Deputy Secretary Ahrens,

We are writing to request an independent evaluation to update the data used to develop ODP's fee schedule rates in accordance with chapter 6100.571 regulation be initiated immediately. The urgency of our request is based upon the understanding that a rate analysis will require 90 days to complete and recognition that a substantial investment in rates will require credible data and analysis to be provided to the Commonwealth's Budget Office in advance of the Governor's next Executive Budget. We ask that a stakeholder committee representing individuals served by the community ID/A system, their families, and provider organizations be afforded the opportunity to actively participate in the rate review process and be advised on all recommendations prior to the publication of any proposed rates.



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Current fee schedule rates, adopted effective January 1, 2022, relied upon published wage data from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) as of May 2020. To update this data from May 2020 to January 2022, wage data was trended by 3.5% (Mercer Government Human Services Consulting, FY 2021/2022 Fee Development, January 11, 2022, pp. 4-5). No further adjustment to account for future inflation was incorporated into the current fee schedule rates. Based upon USDOL published data inflation has increased from May 2020 through July 2023 by 19.23% (USDOL-BLS, CPI-U Historical Tables, U.S. City Average, Mid-Atlantic Information Office, July 2023).





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Given the \$170 million in state funding recently reduced from the Governor's original budget proposed in March 2023, and the continuing struggles of service providers and families to hire and retain qualified Direct Support Professionals in the current economic environment, we are concerned that the Commonwealth will continue to spend less on services, and that the ID/A community will remain at risk for further reductions in funding. At Pennsylvania's current Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) of 54%, \$170 million in state dollars translates to \$370 million in total funding that would otherwise be available to fund services at higher reimbursement rates.



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We are confident that Mercer Consulting, or any credible actuary, will conclude that current ODP fee schedule rates are substantially below inflation. Without a competitively compensated workforce to restore service capacity, underspending on services will continue. For these reasons, we further believe that a significant portion of the funding needed for this critical investment may already be available within the Community Waiver Programs line-item appropriation for fiscal year 2023-24. This would enable new rates to be implemented in the current fiscal year, and we request that after conducting the rate analysis that ODP adopt updated fee schedule rates at the earliest possible effective date.



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Thank you for your consideration of this request and we look forward to your response. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Cherie Brummans**  
Executive Director  
The Alliance CSP

**Sherri Landis**  
Executive Director  
The Arc of Pennsylvania

**Diane Conway**  
CEO  
MAX Association

**Mark Davis**  
President & CEO  
PAR

**Patrick DeMico**  
Executive Director  
The Provider Alliance

**Richard S. Edley, Ph.D.**  
President and CEO  
RCPA



# ODP Policy Updates

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- Information Sharing & Advisory Committee (ISAC)
- Updates on ODP Budget, Pending Waivers, and Rates
- Latest ODP Policy News, Announcements, and Info



# ISAC Highlights

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The committee paid tribute to Carolyn Morgan, Self Advocates United as 1. When Carolyn was young, her mother planned to send Carolyn to an institution because people told her mother it would be best. Then her mom heard about someone dying in the institution and changed her mind and history. Carolyn spoke up for herself and others, and had for over 50 years!

She has paved the way for people with disabilities throughout her life by example, by advocating for the rights of all people, and by teaching others about their rights and how to speak up for those rights. “We want the same things everyone wants—our rights as human beings and individuals to live every day lives of our choice. I tell people you can live the life you want. Speak up in your own way, have people you trust in your life to support you.”



# ISAC Highlights



## Proposed Waiver Amendment - Supplemental Payments for Recovery & Service Expansion: Community Participation Supports

Tiered one-time supplemental payments will be available based on provider recovery or expansion status as of June 2023 in the following amounts:

| <b>Standard for payment eligibility</b>                | <b>Payment Amount Per Individual Receiving CPS</b> |
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| Providers exceeding pre-pandemic service capacity*     | \$2,500  |
| Providers achieving 75-100% of pre-pandemic capacity   | \$1,500  |
| Providers achieving 50-75% of pre-pandemic capacity    | \$1,000  |
| Providers achieving under 50% of pre-pandemic capacity | \$ 500   |

\*Provider recovery or expansion status is determined by comparing the provider's pre-pandemic number of program participants (discrete participants in service during FY 2019/2020 with the number of participants in service during FY 2022/2023).





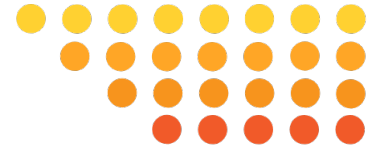
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## DISCUSSION:

Eligible providers who are interested in receiving these supplemental payments must complete the attached application and return it to Rick Smith at [riesmit@pa.gov](mailto:riesmit@pa.gov) by September 30, 2023. For additional information please refer to [ODPANN 23-001 Update](#) and the [November 2023 proposed Waiver amendment submission to CMS](#).

**Note: The funding formulas for CPS supplemental payments are pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, therefore, the CPS supplemental payments will not be issued until after CMS approval is received.**



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## **Selective Contracting**

- Selective Contracting Concept Paper public comment period ended 7/10/2023
- Residential Strategic Thinking Group (RSTG) meetings scheduled through September
- Surveys: ODP will be publishing a survey to assist in developing performance measures and baselines
- Proposed Waiver and Waiver Amendments for Public Comment: ODP will publish the 1915(b)(4) application and any accompanying 1915(c) amendments for public comment prior to submitting to CMS



# ISAC Highlights

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## Updates to Selective Contracting Proposal

- Timeline Adjusted – Residential implementation January 1, 2025
- Preferred Tier – Two Paths to Obtain Preferred Status
  - 2 of 3 Services Provided During the Review Period
  - Meet Clinically Enhanced Standards
- Workforce
  - Credentialing will not apply to Lifesharing
  - Front-line supervisors added to turnover standards
- Details Added to Standards, Measures, and Tiers
- Name change for data analytics vendor to “Performance Analysis Services”
- Added performance standards
  - Community Integration
  - Participant Involvement in Advisory and/or Boards
  - Social Justice/Cultural Competency
  - Wellness activities

# Residential Strategic Thinking Workgroup

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Brenda Bulkoski, Allegheny County DHS

Ed Picchiarini, Arc Human Services

G. N. Janes, Valley Community Services

Greg Wellems, Keystone Human Services

Linda Washington-Brown, Horizon House

Nancy Murray, Arc of Greater Pittsburgh

Oren Kern, Lifesteps

Ruth Siegfried, InVision Human Services



# Selective Contracting

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**ODP Announcement 23-043:**

**Open for Public Comment: Concept Paper on Selective Contracting for Residential and Supports Coordination Services**

May 24, 2023

ODP intends to change the way providers are enrolled, qualified, and paid to deliver the following services through selective contracting:

- Residential Habilitation, Supported Living, and Life Sharing in Consolidated and CLW
- Supports Coordination in Consolidated, CLW, P/FDS
- Targeted Support Management in the Medicaid State Plan



# Selective Contracting

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**Open for Public Comment: Concept Paper on Selective Contracting for Residential and Supports Coordination Services**

May 24, 2023

Selective Contracting allows ODP to improve the quality of these services by:

- Moving beyond contracting with any willing and qualified provider and instead requiring providers to meet specific criteria set by ODP.
- Developing a class of “preferred providers” using new performance standards that align with *Everyday Lives*.
- Aligning payment with outcomes.





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