

Developmental Disabilities Program - Rate Rebasing		Agency/Program #: 6901-10-I3
		Division: Disability Services Division
		Program: Rate Rebasing
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Program or Project Description:

The Developmental Disability Program (DDP) contracts with private corporations (for-profit and non-profit) to provide comprehensive services to individuals with developmental disabilities, ages birth and up. These service programs are located in communities throughout Montana and provide an array of residential and work opportunities for adults and home-based family education and support services for children and their families, based upon individual preferences, needs, and abilities. Currently, over 4,000 Montanans receive one or more community-based services funded through the Developmental Disabilities Program.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	1,582,172	1,582,172	1,814,413	151,201	
State Special	1,717,826	1,717,826	2,185,587	182,132	
Federal Funds	4,869,677	4,869,677	5,840,515	486,709	
Total:	\$8,169,675	\$8,169,675	\$9,840,515	\$820,042	

Legislative Goal(s):

DP 10011 - Rate Rebasing – The legislature appropriated nearly \$18.0 million over the 2009 biennium to support adjustments of the developmental disability program provider rates.

Legislative Performance Measures :

- Increase the implementation of a transparent rate system for reimbursement of DDP services from 3 to all 5 regions
 Within the Rate Rebasing:
 - By July 1, 2007 implement a minimum wage for DDP direct care employees of at least \$7.80 per hour and (with additional funds provided by DP 10601) increase the average base direct care wage component to a minimum of \$8.35 per hour. Measure the growth in wages from the minimum direct care wage for DDP providers in FY2007 of \$6.50 per hour.
 - The Department will make the College of Direct Supports training classes available to all half time or more Direct Care employees, and the standardized rate compensation for 2 days of training per direct care employee will be implemented October of 2007 by all contractors

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Increase the standardized rates for reimbursement of DDP community services from the Rate Rebasing and Direct Care Staff Wage Increase appropriations	7/1/2007	7/1/2007
2	Establish provider contract requirements for a minimum wage of \$8.35 per hour for all direct care staff. The minimum wage must be effective July 1, 2007.	7/1/2007	7/1/2007
3	Establish provider contract requirements to make the college of direct supports training available October 1, 2007 and allow compensation for this training through the standardized rates.	7/1/2007	7/1/2007 and 10/1/2007
4	Gather direct care wage data from DDP providers to show the compliance with state contracts with regards to the direct care minimum wage requirement.	12/30/2007	10/31/2007

Implement the last two of the five DDP regions into the standardized rate system for reimbursement of DDP community services.

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Performance Report:

By the beginning of fiscal year 2008 the Developmental Disabilities Program (DDP) had signed contracts with community service providers that included provisions for compliance with the direct care wage increase and had distributed the appropriation increase in standardized provider rates. In October of 2007, DDP obtained data from providers that confirmed compliance with contracts.

Also in October of 2007, DDP required the college of direct supports standardized training for all direct care staff.

On July 1, 2008 the remainder of DDP regions entered the standardized reimbursement methodology (transparent rate system).

LFD Narrative:

DATA ASSESSMENT: On Track

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: – Provided

COMMENTS/ISSUES: None

OPTIONS: Upgrade or downgrade the rating.

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