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Re: Implementation of the Funding Increase for Targeted Salary Increases for Certain Staff at Not-For-Profit Providers

Dear Provider:

The 2019-20 Enacted Budget included funding for salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases related to changes in the State-mandated targeted salary increases for direct care, direct support and clinical titles.

Effective January 1, 2020, the Budget included a direct care increase of 2% for staff in CFR titles series 100 (Direct Care) and 200 (Direct Support). Effective April 1, 2020, an additional 2% was added to CFR titles series 100 (Direct Care) and 200 (Direct Support), and a new increase of 2% to title series 300 (Clinical). Increases were calculated using CFR data and an average salary-related fringe benefit rate of 19.17%. Increases were applied based on programmatic and regional funding methodologies.

Statute requires each provider to submit an attestation confirming that the increases will be used solely to support salary and salary-related fringe benefit increases. The attached attestation must be completed and returned to OMH within 60 days of the receipt of this letter.

Failure to submit this form will result in the recovery of increases already paid and withhold of future payment of such funds. Note that a provider may receive funding increases through multiple sources and agencies (via county contract, through state aid letter or a direct contract with OMH as well as through Medicaid revenue) depending upon each provider's array of OMH programs. Providers are required to submit OMH's attestations regardless of attestations they may have completed for other agencies.

Please contact your local field office if you have any questions regarding these increases.

Respectfully,

April Wojtkiewicz
Director, Community Budget and Fiscal Management

CC: OMH Field Offices,
County DMH, DCS Director & Fiscal Officer