



DD Waiver Rates Restored Temporarily

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Yesterday the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) announced that rates for the four home and community based waivers for people with developmental disabilities and support coordination would be restored to 2008 levels for the last three months of this fiscal year (through June 30, 2019). Funding for this rate restoration is coming from the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund.

[Act 665 of 2018](#) broadened the use of monies from the NOW Fund and called for LDH to develop a plan for use of the funding in consultation with the DD Council. The Council approved using monies from the fund for the rate restoration for the current fiscal year.

Since this rate restoration is only temporary, funding will need to be appropriated by the legislature for the fiscal year beginning July 1st to continue these rates, and to also restore rates in the waivers for people served through the Office of Aging and Adult Services, Long Term Personal Care Services, EPSDT Personal Care Services, and other services for people with disabilities.

This three month relief is still fantastic news for DD providers, many of whom are struggling to keep their doors open, and for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who are struggling to find and keep Direct Support Workers.

[Read the letter](#) to providers from OCDD Assistant Secretary Julie Foster Hagan.

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