



LDH Issues Emergency Rules Regarding OCDD Waiver Rate Increase and Direct Support Worker Wage Floor

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On September 20, 2021, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), including the Bureau of Healthcare Financing (Medicaid) and the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), promulgated emergency rules related to the implementation of a rate increase for OCDD Home and Community Based Waiver services provided by a direct support worker (DSW) and a wage floor requirement for DSWs.

Effective October 1, 2021:

- Rates for all service units provided by a DSW in the Children's Choice, New Opportunities, Residential Options and Supports Waivers will be increased by \$2.50, and
- The minimum hourly wage floor paid to DSWs shall be \$9.00 per hour.

The emergency rules also include information about the department's plan to audit for compliance and possible sanctions or penalties for providers who do not comply with the new rules.

To view the emergency rules, please [click here](#). Persons interested in submitting written public comment or have other inquiries regarding the emergency rules may contact:

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