

**Department of Human Services
Health Services Committee
Senator Judy Lee, Chairman
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Chairman Lee and members of the Health Services Committee, I am Tina Bay, Director of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Division of the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide information about the changes to the DD rate payment methodology.

Implementation

The new payment methodology was implemented on April 1, 2018, and applies to the following services: day, residential and independent habilitation, intermediate care facilities, prevocational services, and small group and individual employment support services.

The funding for these services has not decreased, but the methodology used to distribute the funds has changed, which may result in changes to staffing patterns. If a person's team feels that additional hours are necessary, they may request outlier funding. The criteria for the outlier funding was developed by the steering committee. As reported to the steering committee in February, the initial review of outliers resulted in 244 individuals submitting requests, with 49.7 percent approved and 50.3 percent denied. Any time an individual's medical or behavioral needs change or other issues arise, an outlier may be requested. The DD division meets weekly to review these requests.

Ongoing Monitoring

With the assistance of the consultant, the steering committee developed five quality measures, and a sixth was added more recently. Baselines were initially established in 2013 and are currently being updated. Below is a chart that identifies these measures.

Indicator Name	Measurement Period	Result/ Rate
1) Rate of direct support staff turnover.	July 1 2016 – June 30 2017	
2) Percentage of existing direct support staff that are appropriately certified by the state-designated certifying agency.	July 1 2016 – June 30 2017	
3) Percentage of individuals with developmental disabilities who live in community settings of 4 or fewer.	July 1 2016 – June 30 2017	64.1%
4) Percentage of individuals with developmental disabilities who live in community settings of 6 or fewer.	July 1 2016 – June 30 2017	78.3%
5) Percentage of individuals with DD with adverse events occurring within the measurement period.	July 1 2016 – June 30 2017	12.5%
6) Percentage of individuals admitted to a public institution due to a community provider discharge as a result of the new payment methodology.		

These quality measures will assist the steering committee in monitoring the implementation to determine if there are any unplanned concerns as a result of the implementation. The steering committee will continue to meet to discuss areas of concern and solutions if necessary.

This concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.