



JB Pritzker, Governor

Grace B. Hou, Secretary

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Good afternoon,

While there are remaining budget implementation strategies to be developed, IDHS is pleased to share the first set of its plans that are supported by the FY20 enacted budget. We are grateful to the Governor and to the General Assembly for their commitment to those we serve and embrace the areas of growth and opportunity.

After four years of financial erosion, we look forward to rebuilding, restoring, and strengthening the IDHS system. Even with significant increases in our budget, we recognize that there continue to be additional areas to be addressed.

We continue to strive to advance our work in partnership with our community providers, with transparency, honesty, and in the spirit of trust. These values guide our decisions. Please find the FY20 budget highlights below; there will be additional and more specific implementation plans that will be shared directly from divisional program areas.

#### IDHS Budget implementation Highlights:

- 3.5% Reimbursement rate increase for providers of community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities, effective July 1, 2019.
- 3.5% Reimbursement rate increase for Intermediate Care Facilities serving individuals with developmental disabilities, effective August 1, 2019.
- In-Home Respite reimbursement rates will be increased 3.5%, effective July 1, 2019.
- 2.5% Reimbursement rate increase for community-based providers of mental health services and substance use services, effective July 1, 2019.
- Mental Health and Substance Use Prevention & Recovery grants will receive a full year 2.5% cost of living adjustment.
- Early Intervention Developmental Therapy rates will be increased 6% and all other Early Intervention direct services will be increased by 3%, effective July 1, 2019.
- Additional funding for Centers for Independent Living will be used to provide a full year cost of living adjustment.
- Effective July 1, 2019, reduce Co-Payments for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to no more than 9% of a family's gross income.
- Effective July 1, 2019, implement a statewide marketing program to promote the availability of the Child Care Assistance Program, highlighting program and policy improvements that have been made.
- Effective July 1, 2019, increased investment in the Gateways to Opportunity Scholarship Program.
- Effective October 1, 2019, raise the income eligibility guidelines for CCAP to 200% of the federal poverty level and create an exit ramp at 225% of the federal poverty level.
- The Division of Family & Community Services has several programs that received funding to support a full year 2.5% cost of living adjustment, the Division will be communicating with impacted programs directly.

As implementation plans continue to be finalized, we will share further as appropriate.

Thank you,

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