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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS

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SUBJECT: HCBS Rate Study

This memorandum is to advise Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers and stakeholders that the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) will be conducting a rate study for State Plan and 1915 (c) waiver HCBS services.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires states to formally review rates for waiver services at least once every five years. The purpose of the rate study is to determine whether the fee schedule rates being paid to providers are reasonable and appropriate given market conditions. The rate study will be initiated in May 2024 by Mercer Government Human Services Consulting (Mercer) with the goal of issuing the final report by January 2025.

Anticipated Rate Study Timeline:

May - July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review service definitions and requirements • Compile and analyze market data • Review NCI-AD and CDS survey data submitted by providers
August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First stakeholder meeting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explain rate study process ○ Share rate study data and proposed assumptions for wages and employee-related expenses ○ Gather feedback
September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect and incorporate stakeholder feedback • Develop draft modeled rate ranges for each service
October 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second stakeholder meeting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Describe remaining proposed assumptions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Share draft modeled rate ranges○ Gather feedback
November - December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Collect and incorporate stakeholder feedback● Finalize modeled rate ranges for each service and develop rate study report● Perform fiscal impact analysis
January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Issue final rate study report

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Long-Term Services and Supports (BLTSS) via e-mail at LTSS@health.mo.gov.

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