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OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES *Administering the Children's Services Act*

Administrative Memo #20-02

To: CSA Coordinators
CPMT Chairs
CSA Fiscal Agents
Members of the State Executive Council for Children's Services
Members of the State and Local Advisory Team

From: Scott Reiner 

Re: Cap on FY2021 Private Day Special Education Rate Increases

Date: May 1, 2020

The Office of Children's Services is aware that localities are beginning to negotiate contracts and rates for services for the upcoming fiscal year. This Administrative Memo is to inform you of the directive in the Appropriation Act to "cap" FY2021 private day special education rates at no more than two percent above the rates paid in FY2020. OCS continues to monitor FY2020 rate increases that exceed the two percent limit in the current year and will be adjusting CSA reimbursements to account for that limit in the coming months.

As you may be aware, the General Assembly included the following language in the FY2021-2022 Appropriation Act (Item 292):

M. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rates paid by localities to providers of private day special education services under the Children's Services Act shall not increase more than two percent the first year above the rates paid in the prior fiscal year. All localities shall submit their contracted rates for private day education services to the Office of Children's Services by August 1 of each year.

You will be asked in the next few months to submit your FY2021 negotiated rates for private day special education programs. In order to proceed in compliance with the directive of the General Assembly, the Office of Children's Services will provide reimbursement for these services, effective July 1, 2020, at a rate **not to exceed** two percent higher than the FY2020 rates.

I hope this will assist you as you enter into rate negotiations with providers of these services. The current uncertainty as to when schools will resume is an issue separate and apart from the requirements of the Appropriation Act.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.