

Rates and Services Update

The Office of Developmental Programs created a standardized rate setting methodology for all providers. The rates set the cost for each of the services in your plan. The new rates have been established and will take effect July 1, 2009. You can find out the new rates by asking your Supports Coordinator, your provider, or going to www.humanservices.state.pa.us/hcsis-ssd/pgm/asp/prhom.asp.

It is possible that the new rates will cause you to exceed your budget if you are in the Person Family Directed Supports Waiver and your costs are more than \$26,000 per year.

**At the PAC meeting on June 4, 2009, Kevin Casey, the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Developmental Programs said,
“No consumer will lose services due to rate changes.”**

If you have been told you will lose services because of rate increases -- contact the Regional Office, and the Office of Developmental Programs right away.

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Remember, people in a waiver are entitled to all the services and supports, based on assessed need, to maintain their health and welfare in the community. In the PFDS Waiver, it is an entitlement up to \$26,000, and there is *NO LIMIT* in the Consolidated Waiver. If your services are terminated or reduced, you should file for a Fair Hearing. Your Supports Coordinator can assist you through the process, or you can visit the Training Partnership Website: www.TheTrainingPartnership.org for resources about Fair Hearings and Appeals. If you need help, call Vision for Equality at 215-923-3349 or another local advocacy organization.