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OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
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To: CSA Coordinators
CPMT Chairs
Members of the State Executive Council for Children's Services
Members of the State and Local Advisory Team

From: Scott Reiner 

Re: Cap on FY2020 Private Day Special Education Reimbursements

Date: February 25, 2019

This Administrative Memo is to provide guidance regarding how the Office of Children's Services will operationalize the General Assembly's action to cap FY2020 private day special education rates at no more than 2 percent above the rates paid in FY2019.

As you are likely aware the General Assembly included the following in the FY2019-2020 Appropriation Act (Chapter 2):

Item 282, N. 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 above the rates paid in the prior fiscal year. This provision shall take effect July 1, 2019, such that the rates paid in fiscal year 2020 shall not increase more than two percent over the rates paid in fiscal year 2019. 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 have been asked to submit your FY2019 negotiated rates for private day special education programs. If you have not done so, we will be reaching out to you in the next few weeks to ask you to do so or as a final option, utilize the rates you have submitted for

reimbursement in FY2019 through the CSA Local Expenditure Data, and Reimbursement System (LEDRS).

In order to proceed consistent with the directive of the General Assembly, the Office of Children's Services will provide reimbursement for these services, effective July 1, 2019, at a rate **not to exceed** 2 percent higher than the FY2019 rates.

I hope this will assist you as you enter into rate negotiations with providers of these services.

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