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SUBJECT:

Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent Financial Management Services Wage Ranges

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SCOPE:

Administrative Entity Administrators or Directors
County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program Administrators or Directors
Supports Coordination Organization Directors
Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent Financial Management Services

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce the Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent (VF/EA) Financial Management Services (FMS) wage ranges to be utilized by common-law employers when negotiating a rate of pay with Support Service Workers (SSWs). The wage ranges are established for six (6) of the twelve (12) Participant-Directed Services (PDS) categories for individuals who are self-directing services using an VF/EA FMS.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) is responsible for management of the Consolidated Waiver and Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS) Waiver (Waivers) and has been directed by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to have a standardized statewide reimbursement methodology for Waiver services. As a part of implementing a standardized statewide reimbursement methodology for Waiver services, ODP implemented wage ranges for certain PDS categories.

DISCUSSION:

In compliance with the ODP-approved Waivers and the corresponding VF/EA FMS policy bulletin, ODP developed wage ranges for six (6) of the twelve (12) PDS categories for individuals who are self-directing services using the VF/EA FMS option. The wage ranges are effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and can be found in the informational packet #008-09 issued by ODP on June 16, 2009, titled *Vendor Fiscal/Employer Agent (VF/EA) Financial Management Services (FMS) Wage Ranges for*

Participant-Directed Services or any approved revisions. A letter dated July 13, 2009 from ODP Deputy Secretary Casey further describes the information announced in this bulletin.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The Appropriate Regional Office

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