



DDSN Executive Memo

TO: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF HASCI COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY CENTERS and PREVIOUS PROVIDERS OF HASCI REHABILITATION SUPPORTS

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DATE: JUNE 23, 2020

RE: DDSN Grant Funding of HASCI Community Opportunity Centers and Previous Rehabilitation Supports Providers Electing to Convert to Waiver Funded Day Program Services

The purpose of this memo is to notify Executive Directors of HASCI Community Opportunity Centers and previous providers of HASCI Rehabilitation Supports electing to convert to waiver funded day program services of DDSN's plans for grant funding of these programs in fiscal year (FY) 2021.

As you are aware, the four (4) HASCI Community Opportunity Centers receive DDSN grant funding to provide an array of services, the foremost of which was Rehabilitation Support Services. Two DSN Boards were also contracted to provide Rehabilitation Support Services. Due to changes in the requirements for the provision of that service, DDSN and consequently, its provider network, were required to cease providing Rehabilitation Supports effective March 1, 2020.

A work group was formed and the planned path forward was to move toward the provision of HASCI Waiver Services in order to maximize Medicaid match funds, while limiting the amount of state funding required as resources tighten due to movement toward a fee for service model. On March 1, 2020, providers transitioned to the provision of HASCI Waiver Services. The timing was unfortunate as soon after this transition date, the centers were temporarily closed and services halted as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Initially, DDSN's funding plan for these providers was to identify and fund only facility costs for FY21, and further fade funding over time as providers worked toward self-sufficiency in the provision of waiver funded services. Given the change in course providers were forced to deal with as a result of the pandemic, DDSN plans to fund each of the five (5) providers a total amount of \$28,000 for the first quarter of FY21. The funding is intended to cover a portion of each provider's fixed costs, a portion of costs for staff providing the replacement services, and serve as a retainer to allow to maintain operations and assure access by participants.

The funding is only for the first quarter of FY21 inasmuch as DDSN will start FY21 on a legislative continuing resolution, and DDSN's final FY21 budget is not anticipated until August or September 2020. This will provide additional time for DDSN to assess each provider's continued funding needs in light of day program attendance impacted by COVID-19, as well as balance these needs with DDSN's final FY21 appropriated budget in a tight legislative funding environment. Providers are expected to develop plans for self-sufficiency over time, and to implement those plans as DDSN's funding of these centers fades.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring affected participants have access to services. Questions regarding this memo can be directed to Melissa Ritter at (803) 898-5120 or mlritter@ddsn.sc.gov.