

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Scott Reiner, M.S. Executive Director OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES Administering the Children's Services Act

Administrative Memo #20-05

- To: CSA Coordinators
- **CC:** CPMT Chairs

From: Scott Reiner

Re: Reporting FY2021 Private Day Special Education Rates

Date: August 11, 2020

This Administrative Memo is to provide guidance for reporting to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) of your FY2021 negotiated rates for private day special education programs. The collection of these rates is required by the FY2020-2021 Appropriation Act (Item 292. M.) and will support OCS's activities to comply with the requirements that FY2021 private day special education rates increase at no more than two percent from the rates paid in FY2020.

You have previously submitted your FY2020 negotiated rates for those programs used in that year. Following the instructions in the included document, please update, no later than September 15, 2020, your FY2021 negotiated rates via the Local Government Reporting portal on the CSA website. CSA Coordinators can complete this task by logging into Local Government Reporting and following the instructions provided.

Please note that reporting (and the 2% limit on rate increases) on private day special education is for tuition rates (which should be coded in LEDRS as CSA Service Name 26, Private Day School, per diem rate). Ancillary services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, transportation, etc. (which should be coded in LEDRS as CSA Service Name 36, Special Education Related Services, typically billed on an hourly or per session rate) are excluded from the 2% increase limit and it is not necessary to update the rates for these services, even if you provided these rates in FY2020.

Please feel free to contact Preetha Agrawal, the OCS IT Director with technical questions about completing this process. Questions about what programs should be reported on or how to code (CSA Service Name 26 or 36) special education services and expenditures can be directed to me.

Thank you for your cooperation.