



# Rate Setting Methodology Task Force Update

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Steve Held, Chair

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## Task Force Members

- **Chairperson:** Steve Held
- **Parents:** Amy DeVito and Leah Esther Lax
- **Providers:** Lynn Amell
- **Muni Rep:** Heidi Bond
- **State Agency:** Donna Bradbury and Patricia Zuber-Wilson
- **Managed Care Rep:** Cheryl Hogan
- **DOH Staff:** Peter Baran, Ken Moehringer, Katie Reksc, and Dawn Smith
- **Advisors:** Lidiya Lednyak



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## Task Force Proposed Charter

**Charge:** To develop recommendations for the Department regarding the current rate methodology. The Task Force will base their recommendations on analysis of data regarding socioeconomic status, region, race/ethnicity, language, access to services, and impact on agencies and workforce of the Early Intervention Program. The objective will be to ensure the rates are equitable, efficient, and cost effective.



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## Preliminary Topics For Consideration

- Will consider rates for service delivery methods to address capacity in underserved areas, including telehealth
- Analysis on how to ensure equity by reviewing data on poverty, regions, and race/ethnicity to determine the equity and access issues and how those impact the methodology
- **Review how the rates are devised to help inform discussion and research on if rates should be adjusted and how (either methodology or rates themselves) (#1)**
- Review how rates impact workforce staff at all levels



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## Progress

- Task Force has begun with calls every other month
- Identified and accepted an advisor
- Identified the preliminary topic to focus on first
- Engaged in discussions about what data will be needed



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## Next Steps

### Future topics of discussions

-having an equity conversation and equity-based recommendation / asking for an equity-based analysis to see how that might impact the rates

-discussing whether some of the components of the basic rate need to be considered and/or adjusted based on zip codes or areas of the state / analyze some of the components of the rates, such as travel, identify which ones there may be questions about; then assess what other information might be needed to make a recommendation about that particular component



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# Questions

