



Department
of Health

Rate Setting Methodology Task Force Update

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Steve Held, Chair

Task Force Members

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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.

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

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

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

Questions

