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Community Services Technical Update

ABX2-1 - Competitive Integrated Employment Incentive Payments

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Legislative Change

On July 1, 2016, Assembly Bill X2-1 amended and added to the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), Section 4870 (d-g). The section outlines the incentive payments for the placement and retention of clients in competitive integrated employment (CIE) paid at minimum wage or higher. CIE is defined as a work setting with others who do not have disabilities. The intent of the incentive is to increase CIE placements.

Funding

Funding will not have a cap but is structured. There is no minimum or maximum hour requirement. Funding is for CIE that is paid at or above minimum wage and is made as follows:

1. \$1000.00 payment will be made after the client is employed 30 consecutive days.
2. \$1250.00 payment will be made after the client is employed for 6 consecutive months.
3. \$1500.00 payment will be made after the client is employed for 12 consecutive months.

Process

To be eligible for funding, Inland Regional Center (IRC) will need each vendor to submit an amended program design to describe the services and supports, in relation to the incentive payments.

The completed designs can be emailed to Dalila Balderas, at dbalderas@inlandrc.org. Completed designs can also be mailed to IRC, attention to Dalila Balderas, at PO Box 19037, San Bernardino, CA 92423. Ms. Balderas is the Program Manager for the Inland Regional Center (IRC) Quality Assurance Unit.

After the program design addendum has been approved, a sub-code will be added to your existing service code. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will be issuing further guidance on the creation of the sub-codes in a technical bulletin. Once IRC receives the guidance, we will begin inputting sub-codes for vendors with

approved program design addendums on file. Funding of the incentive will begin once your sub-code is created.

IRC will make retro-active payments for minimum wage CIE placements back to July 1, 2016. If the Department of Developmental Services audits IRC's records and makes an audit finding or has an alternate interpretation of the WIC, then IRC must collect the overpayment. IRC does not waive its right to do so.

DDS will also issue further reporting criteria, but in the meantime, please track all individuals placed in CIE that is paid at minimum wage or higher, starting July 1, 2016. The vendor is responsible for tracking the data and reporting to IRC and DDS by October 1, 2017, and each October 1 annually thereafter.

IRC will issue further technical updates on reporting requirements.

Vince Toms
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