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Date: 5/29/2014 10:56:26 AM
Subject: RE: 94.new HCBS Unit Rates

It would apply next July 1 as most contracts are in place for this July 1. Most providers use our funding to cover operating cost of their agency and offer services to private pay or other funding at reduced rates. Because most providers exist because of our funding, the thought is we should receive the lowest rate they offer.

If you have any other questions, please let me know.

Thanks.

Tony

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From: Angie Willis [mailto:AngieStoner@scsenate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 10:02 AM
To: Kester, Tony; Debbie Hammond
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Please see Kara's email below and let me know the impact to providers if this is implemented. Would it effect current contracts? Since there is not a specific implementation date mentioned, it would effect rates July 1 2014. Thanks
Angie

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kara Brurok <KaraBrurok@schouse.gov>
Date: May 29, 2014 at 9:50:05 AM EDT
To: Angie Willis <AngieStoner@scsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: 94.new HCBS Unit Rates

Hey Angie,

This was something Tony and Debbie met with us about a couple of weeks ago. They are having all sorts of issues with different vendors trying to increase their fees across the state but not providing more service to additional seniors. They are simply profiting off of the increase in prices. This is language they submitted to help them begin to establish a statewide fee implementation. We told them we would put this language in when we amended back to help them out.

Hope this helps.

Thanks,

Kara

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From: Angie Willis

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 3:56 PM

To: Kara Brurok

Subject: 94.new HCBS Unit Rates

Hi Kara, Can you provide some background information on the new proviso proposed for the Office on Aging? Thanks – Angie

/ (LTG: Home and Community Based Services Unit Rates) The Office on Aging shall not pay unit rates for Home and Community Based Services higher than the lowest rate for like services being offered by a provider. /