

Division of Medicaid Services DCW Funding Workgroup – UPDATE May 2020

The Department has created the table below to help clarify the DCW payment timeline along with associated dollar amounts and the encounter basis for payments.

SFY 19 -21 Direct Care Workforce Allocation Timeline

Payment	Amount	Distribution To Providers Begins	Encounter Basis
CY 2019 Payment	\$ 21,383,333.00	April 10, 2020	CY 2019 Q3 Data
CY 2018 Redistribution	\$ 2,353,157.92	May 29, 2020	CY 2018 Q4 Data
CY 2020 Payment 1	\$ 54,315,312.23	June 19, 2020	CY 2020 January-February Data
CY 2020 Payment 2	\$ 42,771,466.50	December 2020 / Early January 2021	CY 2020 March-August Data
CY 2019 Redistribution	Any funds returned	February 2021	TBD
CY 2021 Payment	\$ 21,385,733.25	TBD: Likely June 2021	TBD
Total: \$142,209,002			

The CY 2018 Redistribution is the reallocation of leftover 2017-2019 funds which total \$2,353,157.92. Eligible providers received a DCW payment in Q4 of 2018, completed the Q4 2018 attestation requirement, and meet the DCW distribution requirements including being in business and having a contract with the MCO distributing the payment.

The CY 2020 Payment 1 includes an increased FMAP of \$11.5 million. Distribution of this payment is scheduled to start on June 19th. This payment will be calculated based on January and February 2020 encounter data.

The details of the 2019 – 2021 attestation process have not yet been defined. The Department will share details when they are finalized. The survey is anticipated to be similar to the previous attestation in that provider will need to share how the funding was spent.

The DHS FAQs: Direct Care Workforce Funding Initiative website has been updated. Clarification was received from Elizabeth Doyle, DMS Section Chief, Long Term Care Rate Setting, that supported employment includes providers of individual and group supported employment, prevocational employment, and vocational futures planning.