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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Department of Economic Security/Division of Developmental Disabilities
Based on Preliminary Injunction issued March 11, 2009
Restoration of 2009 Adopted Rates for Qualified Vendors

On March 11, 2009, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Joseph Heilman issued a preliminary injunction against the Department of Economic Security (DES) preventing the agency from implementing \$16.8 million in general fund reductions, including the suspension of non-residential, state-funded services to more than 4,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities and various rate reductions to providers of services to those individuals. The DES/DDD planned \$16.8 million reduction was part of the \$153 million reduction, which included the lump sum reduction and fund transfers that were part of the special session as well as unfunded, case-load driven shortfalls.

The Department intends to appeal the decision and ask the court to stay the injunction, but will, of course, comply with the court's ruling and the information in this notice will be applicable as long as the preliminary injunction is in effect.

Provider rates will be restored to the SFY 2009 adopted rates retroactive to March 1, 2009.

In addition, the Division will restore the special rate retroactive to March 1, 2009, that is assigned for two specialized methodologies. These are as follows:

- The adopted rate for *Habilitation with a Music Component (HAM)* will be restored.
- The adopted rate for *Habilitation, Hourly, Specialized Communication (HCH)*, all levels, will be restored.

The 2009 RateBook with the restored rates has been posted to the DES website. For specific details, please refer to

<https://www.azdes.gov/dd/downloads/vender/rates/ratebookfebruary12008.pdf>

Thank you for your continued commitment to serving individuals with developmental disabilities and their families during these difficult economic times. We appreciate what you do.

If you have additional questions, about specific rate changes please call 602-364-1864 or send an email to DDHotline@azdes.gov.