



Pennsylvania Advocates and Resources  
for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities



October 17, 2025

The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Room 225 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Shapiro:

We thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Intellectual Disability & Autism (ID/A) community. We recognize and appreciate your leadership and foresight to implement the Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy targeted to eliminate the emergency waiting list for adults, which has resulted in a 28% reduction in the number of people waiting for services in this category. We stand ready to support your administration and execute the goals you have established for this critical initiative. As you have expressed publicly, thousands of individuals and families continue to desperately need services, and additional investment in our Direct Support Professional workforce is essential to build the needed capacity in our community services statewide.

To that end, we request the inclusion of a 6.9% increase to the ID/A fee schedule rates in your forthcoming Executive Budget. At the current federal matching rate, only 3.1% of this increase would require state funding. The requested rate increase is based upon the 2.9% actual inflation as published by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for calendar year 2024, plus projected inflation of 4.0% predicted by economists for 2025. Through August of 2025 inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) is 2.65% ([U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, CPI – August 2025, USDL-25-1356](#)). The release of September data has been delayed by the federal government shutdown.

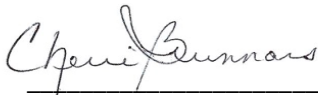
The fee schedule rates support virtually every individual served by the community ID/A service system. Our request aligns with the stated goals and objectives of the Multi-Year Program Growth Strategy and is completely consistent with the proposed bipartisan legislation

introduced in both chambers of the General Assembly for which we have actively and jointly advocated ([Senate Bill 617](#) and [House Bill 1939](#)). This legislation proposes to increase rates annually based upon inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) published by BLS. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services has expressed its contingent support through proposed amendments to these bills, which the House version has already adopted.

Our budget request would simply fill the gap between the most recent rate increase that became effective July 1, 2024 and complement the proposed legislative action that would ensure that rates keep pace with inflation going forward. As you know, regular and predictable rates increases are a crucial and necessary element to ensure the integrity of our community system and the rights and security of every person it serves.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss these issues should you have any questions or need any further information at this time.

Sincerely,



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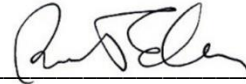
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