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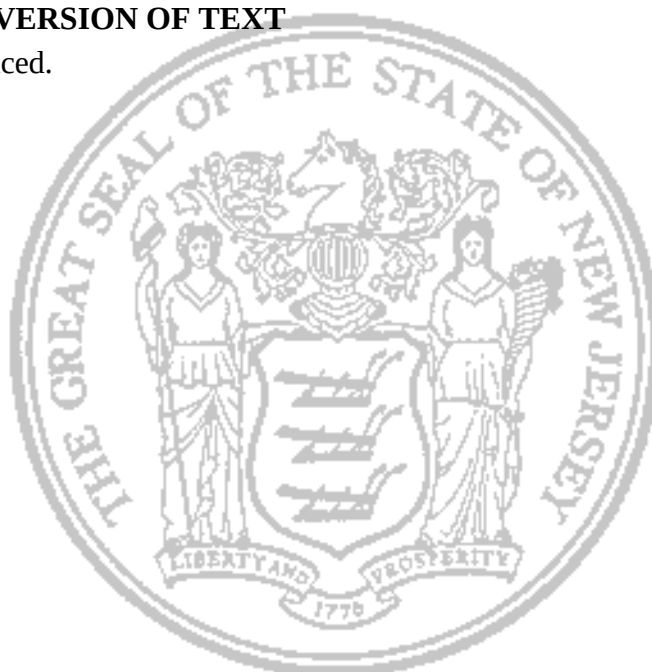
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SYNOPSIS

Makes FY2021 supplemental appropriation of \$10,000,000 to Division of Developmental Disabilities for increase in Day Habilitation Program rates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2021)

1 **A SUPPLEMENT** to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2020, c.97).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and the General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

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1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020,
c.97, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, there
is appropriated the following sum for the purpose specified:

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54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

30 Educational, Cultural, and Intellectual Development

32 Operations and Support of Educational Institutions

GRANTS-IN-AID

03-7601	Adult Activities.....	\$10,000,000
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Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,

Operations and Support of Educational Institutions

\$10,000,000

Grants-in-Aid:

03 Rate Increase for Day Habilitation

Programs.....	(\$10,000,000)
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12 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 This bill makes a supplemental appropriation of \$10,000,000 to
18 increase payment rates to providers of day habilitation services for
19 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)
20 who are enrolled in the Division of Developmental Disabilities'
21 (DDD) Supports Program and Community Care Program. In
22 calendar year 2021, NJ FamilyCare reimbursement rates for day
23 habilitation services increased between \$0.32 and \$1.68 per hour,
24 depending upon client acuity, compared with calendar year 2020
25 rates. Hourly reimbursement amounts in calendar year 2021 range
26 from \$10.52 for the lowest acuity clients to \$69.84 for those
27 enrollees who need more intensive assistance. The State requires
28 all service providers working with Supports Program and
29 Community Care Program clients to be approved Medicaid service
30 providers. Moreover, DDD requires individuals enrolling in either
31 the Supports Program or the Community Care Program to secure
32 and maintain eligibility for NJ FamilyCare benefits. By
33 reimbursing all Supports Program and Community Care Program
34 services providers, including providers of day habilitation services,
35 on a fee-for-service basis, the State is eligible to draw down federal
36 Medicaid matching funds in an amount equal to 50 percent of total
37 NJ FamilyCare expenditures for such services.

1 The Supports and Community Care programs provide an
2 individualized array of supportive services to qualifying NJ
3 FamilyCare-eligible individuals with I/DD and their families.
4 Enrollees whose individual services plans include day habilitation
5 services engage in as many as 30 hours per week of activities
6 designed to develop and support participants' self-help, social
7 skills, adaptive skills, problem-solving skills, daily living skills, and
8 leisure skills. Day Habilitation services are typically offered in a
9 community-based or center-based setting.