



FY 2017 IRC Rate Setting Update May 26, 2016

On behalf of the Interagency Rates Committee (IRC), Sheila Philip provided a brief update of the FY 2017 rate setting process.

The following is a brief summary of the presentation:

1. This year, the IRC and IRC staff completed a very thorough and intense review of the rate application packets. Forms and documents, including supporting documentation and narratives, were reviewed
2. Feedback from providers indicated that this process was more intense than in previous years and the staff appreciate the positive feedback received regarding the level of review. It appears that this process was a positive learning experience for everyone.
3. The IRC also appreciate the follow up and responsiveness of the providers regarding inquiries regarding their rate application packets. Generally, everyone was very quick to respond, ask follow up questions for clarification, and submit information. The IRC staff hope that everyone's experience was positive and were followed up with timely and were assisted in a way that was helpful. It should be noted that a lack of responsiveness or incorrect contacts/contact information on forms can delay the overall process.
4. A number of errors and challenges with the submissions were identified. This information will be used in developing a better Technical Assistance (TA) process for the FY 2018 cycle.
5. The FY 2018 TA will be more intensive and include a deeper review of the forms and instructions. Information obtained during FY 2017 will also inform revisions to rate setting documents.
6. IRC staff are open to hosting a TA development group with providers to inform the TA process. Topics may include what kind of guidance, documents, tools, etc. would be helpful to make the application process easier.
7. If a provider is being identified as non-preferred through the current rate setting process, they will be contacted over the next two weeks.
8. FY 2017 rate letters will be mailed on time and providers will be notified of their rate by June 15.