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Washington State Legislative Funding Increases Effective SFY2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

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To: All ESIT Contracted Provider Agencies and County Lead Agencies

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Subject: Timelines for Implementation of One-Time Rate Enhancement and Inflationary-based K-12 BEA Rate Interaction Fund Increases

Purpose and Background: During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Washington State Legislature authorized funding for a One-time Rate Enhancement and Inflationary-based K-12 BEA Rate Interaction increase.

The following ESIT funding increases will take effect during the FY23-24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) contract year:

- ESIT Rate Enhancement
- K-12 BEA Rate Interaction

DCYF will disseminate these funds to Contractors through the currently planned contract amendments already scheduled for SFY24.

The ESIT Rate Enhancement is **one-time funding of \$2,438,000** provided in FY2024 only for a rate enhancement for ESIT Provider Agencies. The ESIT K-12 BEA Rate Interaction is **\$4.058M** for the 2023 – 2025 Biennium provided to **increase the ESIT County EIS Rates** to match the increased BEA (basic education allocation rate) provided in the K-12 budget as required by statute. The purpose of the K-12 adjustment is to account for higher inflationary adjustments than typically reflected in the maintenance level adjustments.

The ESIT Rate Enhancement **funding will be calculated and distributed as a lump sum payment during the January Rate and Allocation Adjustment**, through contract amendments, that already take place to adjust the State Special Education 0-3 funding based on the July – December actual enrollment data.

The ESIT K-12 BEA Rate Interaction **funding will be reflected in the allocations made during the existing Rate Adjustments** that take place in October, January, and April of the contract period. The BEA Rate Interaction increases are integrated and reflected in the BEA Rates made available by OSPI starting on the last Thursday of September 2023; therefore, the K-12 BEA Rate Interaction increases will be effective starting on the Oct 1st A-19 Invoice and will be reflected in the adjustments again during the existing January and April Rate Adjustments. All contractors will be provided updated A-19 invoices for billing in October, January, & April.

One-hundred percent (100%) of the ESIT One Time ESIT Rate Enhancement funds will pass through directly to local ESIT Provider Agencies. Neither DCYF nor CLAs will retain any portion of the lump sum payments to be processed in January 2024.

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