

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES – INTERMEDIATE CARE
FACILITY SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Temporary Add-on Payment to Retain and Hire Direct Care Staff

The Department will pay a \$12 direct care add-on to private (non-state) owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) for increased costs related to retaining and hiring direct care staff.

Methodology

1. The base year used in the June 2022 UPL demonstration includes costs reports for the year which ended June 30, 2020. The June 30, 2020 cost reports are the most current audited/desk reviewed available. The payments for the June 2022 UPL demonstration will be made from May 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at an estimated total cost of \$19,762,710.

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2. The base year used in the June 2023 UPL demonstration includes costs reports for the year which ended June 30, 2021. The June 30, 2021 cost reports are the most current audited/desk reviewed available. The payments for the June 2023 UPL demonstration will be made from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at an estimated total cost of \$14,968,032.

Each add-on payment requires documentation that effective April 1, 2022, the minimum hourly wage paid to directly employ (non-contracted) non-nursing/physician direct care staff was \$9 per hour.