

# IHSS Public Authority of Amador County

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## Request for Increased PA Budget

In September 2019, CDSS (California Department of Social Services) announced that 19 counties would need to increase their PA Rate and State Budget due to rebasing of the MOE (Maintenance Of Effort). Amador County PA was one of the counties that needed to increase its budget so that we would not cap our Admin Cost reimbursement rate. This was a one-time opportunity requiring immediate action by 9/5/2019. With only a week notice to prepare and submit a budget to the State, I did all the initial legwork to ensure that we captured the money the state was offering. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 my request to secure the additional funding was approved.

The latest changes within the State (ACL 19-101 and FCL 19/20-28) indicates the FY 19/20 reimbursement rate on PA Administrative costs will now be reimbursed as follows: State at 50% and Federal at 50% of allowable expenses, with no contribution needed by county unless State/Fed funds are exhausted. Again, to ensure that we didn't exhaust our allocated amount, I needed to increase our budget. Our cap is now \$122,000 for both State and Federal reimbursement.

In order to take advantage of the additional funding that the State was recommending, the current County PA budget must balance with the submitted and approved State budget. That increase is \$32,205.

The increase in funding is needed for:

- Provider and Recipient training (a requirement)
- Safety equipment for providers (a requirement)
- Purchase and maintenance of Nexus software program so that we are HIPAA compliant with the tools we use to track all provider and recipient data. (ACL to be issued January 2020. I have already discussed with our IT Manager Jeff W.)
- Staff training opportunities
- Home Visit Mileage reimbursement
- Marketing cost to recruit and retain Registry Providers

Due to constant change with State funding and allocations, I felt that Amador County needed representation at the State/CAPA level in the PA Funding Workgroup. I am pleased to announce that I was selected and look forward in representing the needs of smaller county funding and support.

Thank you,

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