

**PROVIDER ADVISORY #2020-023**  
**RESPITE RATE INCREASE**

**MANDATORY ACTION**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2020**

The 2020 Florida Legislature approved a provider rate increase to Respite Services provided to APD consumers. APD has recently implemented the rate change in the iConnect system.

For Respite providers who will receive this increase, the increased rate was applied to planned services in approved status and those budget amounts were increased. The rate increase is retroactive to July 1, 2020.

WSCs have been instructed today to immediately issue updated authorizations to impacted providers. The Prior Authorization (PA number) will not change from the original authorization. Once received, providers may proceed with billing retroactive to July 1, 2020. Providers who have billed at the old rate, will need to adjust or void these claims and rebill at the new rate.