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Life Patterns Lowdown

RATE INCREASE FOR I/DD WAIVER

The State of Kansas has granted a rate increase for HCBS I/DD waiver services. As the employer, you have the choice to increase your worker's rate of pay. At the moment, there is the chance to increase their rate by 5% now, then there will be *another* increase available for hours worked in July 2021 forward. So, what do you need to do?

- If you would like to increase your employees' pay, you **MUST** complete a new Employment Agreement form. If you choose to do both increases, you will need an agreement for *each* increase. **NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE WITHOUT THE NEW FORMS.**

You can get these forms by going to our website at www.lifepatternsks.org, or you can contact our offices to have us send out an Employment Agreement Form. Our offices can be reached at:

Topeka Office - 785.273.7189

Montezuma Office - 620.846.2658

You can return the forms by:

- **By mail-** 3300 SW 29th ST, STE 100, Topeka, KS 66614 or PO Box 418 Montezuma, KS 67867
- **By email-** kristen@lifepatternsks.org or sara@lifepatternsks.org
- **By fax-** Topeka office: 785.273.3816 or Montezuma office: 620.846.2340

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call!

Protective Income Level

As of May 8th, 2021 the Kansas House and Senate have agreed to increase the budget for the Protective Income Level (PIL) for those on the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) waivers. The budget conference committee included language within the bill directing the PIL to be increased from 150% of the Federal Supplemental Security Income to 300% beginning in Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1st, 2021). This means the PIL has increased from \$1177 per month for recipients to \$2382 per month for persons on the HCBS waivers. They also will receive future increases as SSI goes up.

Changes to viewing AuthentiCare Hours

AuthentiCare recently made some changes for the Employers or Designated Reps viewing their workers hours in AuthentiCare. After you have been set up, by Life Patterns, to view your workers' hours in AuthentiCare, you will now need to create your own User Profile. You will also now be able to reset your password yourself, which AuthentiCare makes you reset every 3 months.

Having access to AuthentiCare lets you look at your workers hours, look for missing clock ins/outs, view monthly authorized hours, check remaining hours for the month, run reports for the past and present, etc.

Call your Life Patterns office, or email Anna at the Montezuma office (anna@lifepatternsks.org) or Sarah at the Topeka office (sarah@lifepatternsks.org) to set you up.

Life Patterns will be closed on
**Monday, May 31st for
Memorial Day.**

Pay Stubs

If your workers want access to their pay stubs, they need to call our office. We will email the worker all of the information they need in order for them to complete the setup to access all of their paystubs on our website.

New Podcast

Are you becoming a senior, or is a loved one a senior? Listen to our new podcast with Susan Harris, Executive Director of the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging to discover services available to senior citizens!

Click the **Podcast** tab on our website to listen!

Hire Packets

We have updated our hire packets a couple times over the last few months. The most recent pages for the hire packets are on our website. Or, if you'd like an updated hire packet to be sent to you, please call our office.

Address Changes

If you or your workers move, you need to get that updated with us as soon as possible so that we can ensure we are sending paperwork to the correct place. To change an address a **Change of Address Form** must be completed & returned to our office. The form can be found in the *Support Workers* tab on our website.

Name Changes

If your workers change their name, they need to complete & sign an **Employee Name Change Form**, and also provide the correct documentation with it. The form can be found in the *Support Workers* tab on our website.