



Adult Long-Term Residential Services (3153 / 3751) FY27 Rate Implementation

September 15, 2026

On June 18, 2026, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) promulgated updates to [101 CMR 420.00: Rates for Adult Long-Term Residential Services \(ALTR\)](#). These rate updates are also reflected in the Regulated Rate Table posted on the [DDS Contracts Information](#) webpage.

DDS will compute new contract billing rates with retroactive applicability to July 1, 2026. Site Detail and Rate Computation reports will be shared with providers showing the updated rates and new blended rate computation. Upon receipt of new reports, please submit amended Service Summary Forms (SSF) reflecting the new rates. Amended SSFs should shift all billing units from the previous rate to the new rate, with the new rate retroactively applicable to July 1, 2026.

Upon receipt of amended SSFs, DDS will enter new billing rates in EIM, and process retroactive payments to reimburse for the difference between the current billing rate and the new billing rate for all attendance that has already been paid since July 1, 2026. All new attendance will be paid at the new billing rate. If providers have draft Service Delivery Reports (SDRs) in EIM, they will need to be deleted and re-entered once DDS has entered the new billing rate. Please note that for 3153, DDS will process encumbrance updates. For 3751, DDS will not process encumbrance updates and will do so at a future date.

Providers do not need to take any action until they receive updated reports from DDS. Please do not initiate any amendment paperwork until you have been directed by DDS to do so. DDS will be processing amendments on a rolling basis over the coming weeks and will contact providers when ready to process amendments.

Occupancy Worksheets and Occupancy Rate Application (ORA)

Beginning late September, DDS will send out Occupancy Worksheets for providers to review, complete offsets, and if necessary, request updates. The Occupancy Worksheets will include instructions on how to process the worksheets. Signed Occupancy Worksheets should be submitted to Central Office in a timely manner and before the deadline in the instructions so that changes can be in place for November billing.

DDS is implementing an adjustment to standardize food allowance reimbursements for all ALTR sites. This will be entered as a one-time Food Allowance Cost Adjustment to the occupancy worksheet. The adjustment will be calculated as the difference between the current amount value in Line 24E and the purchase capacity times the current food allowance per the rate of \$9.15 per resident per day.

The new Occupancy Rate Application (ORA) for FY27 is available online: [DDS Contracts Information | Mass.gov](#)

If you have any questions related to Occupancy Worksheets and ORA forms, please email DDS-POS-Occupancy@mass.gov.