**WHAT’S NEW FOR FY2022**

**OVERVIEW**

As of July 1, 2018, all Department of Development Services (DDS) programs that fall under rate regulations are being reimbursed according to regulated rates under the provisions of M.G.L. c 118E, 13C. While the vast majority of Department services are paid regulated rates, a limited number of programs still utilize individually negotiated rate contracts and/or cost reimbursement/maximum obligation contracts.

Rate regulated services are managed through the Service Summary Form (SSF). Providers only sign the Standard Contract Form when the initial Master Agreement contract is awarded, or the Master Agreement contract is amended to add new services. Once the Master Agreement is signed, the SSF is used to maintain a record of the estimated units to be purchased and the agreed upon rate of payment. Units and rates are tallied to calculate the estimated expenditure amount, which is the amount that DDS anticipates will be expended during the year if all units noted in the SSF are provided.

Cost Reimbursement and Negotiated Unit Rate contracts will be processed using the Standard Contract Form and POS attachments.

**NEW CONTRACTS**

1. **ASD PRE ENGAGEMENT COACHING/COLLEGE NAVIGATION**

Master Agreement contracts issued as a result of COACHNAV-21 have been awarded for a July 1, 2021 start date.

1. **ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND REMOTE SUPPORTS AND MONITORING**

As part of the Department’s Technology Forward Initiative, DDS released RFR for two new services: 1) Assistive Technology and 2) Remote Supports and Monitoring. Master Agreement contracts will be awarded and signed in early FY2022 for both services. Additional information on the Technology Forward Initiative can be found at: [Supportive Technology | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/supportive-technology#:~:text=Supportive%20technology%20refers%20to%20devices,or%20adapted%20to%20the%20role)

**FY2022 DAY/WORK CONTRACTS**

Due to continued uncertainty when programs will fully reopened, Rosters will reflect enrolled individuals, even if not attending program, at current authorized levels of service and proposed regulated rates for July 1, 2021.

Current rate enhancements implemented by the Department in FY2021 end on 6/30/2021. For the most part, rosters will be set at 50 weeks and 95% utilization. Funding levels to start FY2022 will be set at 60% of the total calculated by the roster. The Area and Regional Office will continue to observe utilization during the fiscal year and may add/remove funds to contracts during the fiscal year based on need and updates to current regulations.