

Bill No. 12-26
Concerning: Finance – Payments to
Service Providers for Persons with
Developmental Disabilities
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

AN ACT to:

- (1) amend requirements concerning the formulation of payment to certain service providers to ~~[[for]]~~ persons with developmental disabilities in the County;
- (2) amend eligibility criteria to receive payment; and
- (3) generally amend the law governing the payment to providers of direct services to persons with developmental disabilities.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 20, Finance
Section 20-83

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Section 20-83 is amended as follows:**

2 **20-83. Payment to providers of direct services to persons with developmental**
 3 **disabilities.**

4 (a) *Definitions.* In this Section:

5 (1) *Developmental disability* means developmental disability as
 6 defined in Section 7-101 of the Health - General Article of the
 7 Maryland Code.

8 (2) *Direct [service worker] support professional* means an employee
 9 of a service provider that provides direct treatment or services to
 10 persons with developmental disabilities for at least 50 percent of
 11 their work hours.

12 (3) *Service provider* means an organization providing direct
 13 residential, meaningful day (including employment and
 14 community development services) or support services to clients
 15 through the Developmental Disabilities Administration of the
 16 Maryland Department of Health.

17 (b) *Payment.* Each year, to the extent that funds are appropriated, the Director
 18 of Finance must make a payment to each eligible service provider in
 19 recognition of the higher cost of living in Montgomery County compared
 20 to other parts of Maryland.

21 [(c) *Recommended amount of payment.* The Director of Health and Human
 22 Services must, by February 1 of each year, recommend to the Executive
 23 and Council the amount of the payment, considering:

24 (1) the State reimbursement rates to service providers;

25 (2) the total cost of providing services, including wages; and

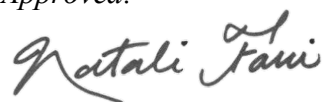
- (3) the additional operating support needed to allow each service provider to pay direct service workers, on average, 125 percent of the County minimum wage.]

[(d)] (c) *Eligibility for payment.* To receive a payment under this Section, a service provider must:

- (1) demonstrate to the Department of Health and Human Services that it pays direct [service workers] support professionals at a rate specified in the Council's current operating budget resolution; [and]
- (2) meet any other eligibility standards set in regulation; and
- (3) provide services in Montgomery County to clients who reside in Montgomery County.

[(e)] (d) *Regulations.* The Executive may issue regulations under Method (2) to implement this Section.

Approved:



July 28, 2026

Natali Fani-González, President, County Council

Date

Approved:

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date