

## **Transportation/Rate Evaluation #3 Summary**

September 30, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

### **THEMES/CONCERNS**

- Low provider rates (a decade of 20% across the board reduction in rates)
- Lack of uniformity in transportation rates
- Statewide transportation contract with TD Commission
- New Department of Labor regulations requiring providers to pay overtime (not built into rate structure)
- Bundled ADT/Transportation rates

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Provide electronic client central record system with secure e-mail for provider sharing of client information
- Issue transportation vouchers
- Rate increase to accommodate the Department of Labor overtime regulations
- Look at alternatives other than TD Commission
- Consider paying family members or volunteers who are willing to provide transportation
- Increase rates incrementally over a number of years to make up for the 20% across the board provider rate reduction in the past decade

### **FACTORS TO CONSIDER**

- A statewide contract would potentially reduce the number of transportation providers. Transportation is an important revenue stream for many providers such as group homes and ADT
- A statewide contract would likely require legislative approval and funding
- TD may be unable to accommodate the different transportation needs of various communities
- Department of Labor Law is a provider issue
- Bundled ADT/Transportation rates may negatively impact residential providers