

**WSC ADVISORY #2020-039**  
**RESPIRE RATE INCREASE**

**MANDATORY ACTION**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2020**

The 2020 Florida Legislature approved an hourly rate increase to Respite services provided to APD customers. APD has recently implemented the rate change in the iConnect system.

For Respite providers who will receive this increase, the increased rate was applied to planned services in approved status and those budget amounts were increased. The rate increase is retroactive to July 1, 2020.

WSCs should issue the approved updated authorizations to providers immediately. Please note the Prior Authorization (PA) number did not change from the original authorization as this is just an update and not a new authorization. For instructions on creating the service authorization report, please refer to [WSC Advisory # 2020-024](#).

Individuals who receive Respite services through the Consumer Directed Care Plus program will see the increase reflected in the Monthly Budget amount beginning November 1, 2020.