

We should not be, in a sense ,punished because we get to “sleep in our own beds”

The Governor’s proposal is to move FRS to a flat tier system of payment and add Life Sharing skills to that group. It would be a \$11.700 million fiscal savings in 2026-27. They feel that FRS have, “a DWRS rate framework, but the service is unique among DWRS services.” We follow the same rules and regulations as all the other groups on the DWRS framework such as CRS, (Community Residential Services), Employment services, Day programs, Customized Living, and others. We have supplemental staff to help us so that we can do outings, paperwork, interact with our people and maybe have an evening or day off. That is no different in any other framework setting except we live in the home and that is our choice. If we move to the flat tier rate many homes will close as rates will not be sustainable. FRS homes want to be paid a fair rate and myself as the primary staff and doing all the other things an FRS provider must do I deserve a fair rate of pay.

Moving FRS to a tier rate is not good. The flat rate is not sustainable for my home to then continue to function, as I would be cut 40 to 51% for my persons.

I beg of you to not let this happen to FRS homes. We serve a great need just like CRS do. Please keep us under the rate system like the CRS homes will be.

Thank you for your time,

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