

Why Consistent Service Rates Matter in Virginia

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A brief guide
for legislators

Key Takeaway: If the service is the same, the **rate should be the same**—regardless of funding source.

People with developmental disabilities often receive **the same services** through different programs, waivers, or funding streams. For example:

- Virginia's developmental disability waivers
- CCC Plus
- Medicaid Works
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)
- The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services Personal Assistance Services program

When **rates for identical services differ across payment entities**, it can:

- Disrupt access to care
- Create inequities among individuals receiving the same service
- Destabilize an already fragile provider workforce

Inconsistent rates may lead providers to:

- Decline certain referrals
- Limit service availability
- Exit the system altogether



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