

Hello Everyone,

As you know the Governor of NJ instituted a \$3 dollar increase for Direct Service Providers (DSPs) beginning May 1, 2020. See part of the announcement below in red:

On April 29th, the Murphy Administration and the Department of Human Services (DHS) announced that they would be allocating \$24 million of state and federal dollars towards a temporary wage increase for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) working with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in group homes and supervised apartments. This temporary pay increase, which amounts to an additional \$3 per hour for each DSP, will be effective May 1st through July 31st.

In anticipation of the \$3/hour increase Archway Programs initiated this increase the first week of April 2020. Although this temporary wage increase is scheduled to end today, our CEO/CFO, George Richards has decided to extend the \$3/hour wage increase until August 31, 2020. As we move through all of the issues regarding COVID-19, we will revisit this temporary wage increase at the end of August.

George Richards (CEO/COO), Shawn Gibson (COO) and myself are proud, and truly grateful for the hard work and protection you have provided for staff and clients during this difficult time. Words cannot express my pride in each and everyone of you for all your sacrifices in keeping our clients safe.

With Kind Regards,  
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