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Dear Providers,

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Under Proposition 206, beginning January 1, 2017, Arizona's minimum wage will raise to \$10.00 an hour. While this will impact our agency greatly, for the time being business will continue as usual while we assess our options.

Employees' rates currently under \$10.00 an hour will be increased to \$10.00, the new minimum wage. Employees' rates currently over \$10.00 an hour will remain the same. After we evaluate how this change impacts us, the possibility of raises will be considered on an individual basis, as always.

Although the state minimum wage is being raised, the state funding for our agency has not increased. The governor and legislature who approve all funding for the state of Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities are scheduled to meet in January to discuss increased funding for individuals with disabilities. We strongly encourage you to reach out to your state representatives and governor to let them know how these changes affect you and to ask for additional funding.

We have included some information below and a template that can be used to communicate your concerns with the governor. If you have additional questions, please contact a Guthrie Mainstream Services Representative.

Arizona Autism Coalition: Letter to the community.

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/1579985/987027077e/572710617/6ac3bd2e08/>

The Republic, azcentral.com: After minimum-wage hike, Arizona companies serving people with disabilities to face a funding crisis.

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/legislature/2016/11/23/arizona-minimum-wage-increase-social-services/94150408/>

Thank you,

Terry Guthrie
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