

# Aligning Personal Assistance Services with Rate Reform

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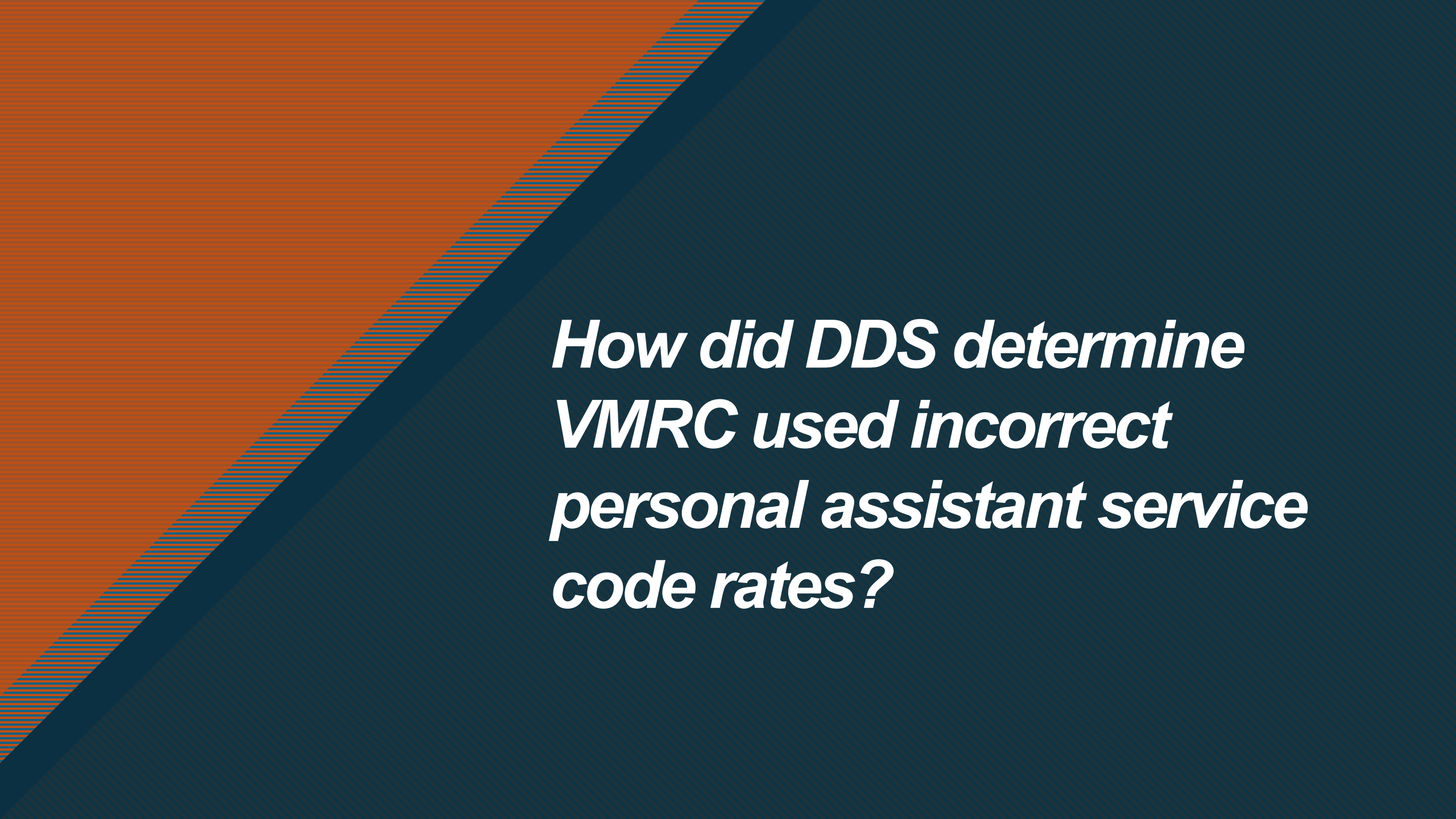
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# Why are we meeting today?

1. To learn about personal assistance service codes
2. To understand the change required; and
3. To choose the best option for you



***How did DDS determine  
VMRC used incorrect  
personal assistant service  
code rates?***

# Why Do Vendors Need to Make Any Changes?

*Statewide rate reform requires regional centers to correct service-code errors*

1. An error was made in rates applied to some service providers for service code 062.
2. VMRC is now required to correct the error and apply the correct vendor rate.
3. Making this change will stop future overpayments.

# What is a Service Code?

1

A number assigned to a type of care or support program

2

Each service code has a standard rate of payment

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Standard payments are based on DDS rate models

# What is Personal Assistance (PA) – Service Code 062?

A service to support & assist people with completing activities of daily living.

May include direct assistance (actually performing a task for the person) or supporting the individual to perform a task.

# What is Participant Directed Personal Assistance – Service Code 456?

PA is hired to assist the consumer to be successful in their own home in the community.

Adult consumer, family, or conservator ensures the person selected as the PA is 18 yrs, has the skill, training, and education needed to provide the service per the IPP (daily routines).

# What is the difference between Service Code 062 and 456?

CA Dept of Developmental Services (DDS) established separate service codes and rates for PA services:

1. Service code 062 - PA services provided through an agency; or
2. Service Code 456 - Participant-Directed PA services provided by the individual, conservator or family chooses, hires and manages their PA worker.

# What is Parent Coordinated Personal Assistance - Service Code 093?

1. Families serve as Administrator of Services AND are required to comply with the same Agency requirements to serve under 093
2. Families would have an ***employer burden*** (required to pay Worker's Comp Insurance etc.)
3. However, rate of payment is the same as 456.

# Updating the Self-Determination Budget with Correct PA Rates



If your PA services are provided by an individual, your Budget will be updated at your next renewal to reflect the correct service code.



Once you choose, the SDP team will update your Budget for your review and signature.



If you choose to use Agency PA services, provide the name of the Agency and ***the agency must be listed in your Spending Plan.***



You will then update your Spending Plan to ensure it matches the total amount of your new Budget.

# Next Steps: Make A Choice

## **OPTION 1:**

Work with an Agency as an Employee (062); and be trained and paid by the Agency.

## **OPTION 2:**

Restructure as your own Agency (062) – register as business entity, meet all state and legal requirements.

## **OPTION 3:**

Continue working as an Individual (456) – the correct rate will be applied once the service code is changed.

## **OPTION 4:**

If a parent chooses to coordinate the PA service (093) – parent must meet all agency requirements but remain paid as 456.

# More Learning Opportunities:

- ❖ October 19<sup>th</sup> - VMRC will host a webinar with 062 Agencies and 456 Participant Directed Service Providers to share more about their services.

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# Thank you!

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