COVID-19 DDA Services
Temporary changes, effective March 13, 2020, and Revised June 17, 2022

Expedited Hiring Flexibilities

- Must initiate appropriate background checks and Motor Vehicle Administration checks upon hire; individual hired can be placed on the schedule immediately after performing an abbreviated background check (Ends on September 30, 2022)

Expedited Training to Onboard New Staff

- The DDA is temporarily waiving all non-essential training requirements for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) (Ends on September 30, 2022)
- New staff must be trained in the following essential items:
  - Online CPR and First Aid
  - Individualized training on the person and their person-centered plan
  - Fundamental rights, including to be free from abuse, restraints, and seclusion
  - Condensed training on DDA’s Policy of Reportable Incidents and Investigations (PORII), including definitions of reportable and serious reportable incidents and the agency’s procedures for reporting
- Newly hired staff must complete all regular training within 120 days of hire (except that family members hired have until 60 days after the State of Emergency) (Ends on September 30, 2022)
- In an effort to expedite service delivery during the pandemic, training requirements can be waived for family members willing to provide services to participants (Ends on September 30, 2022)

Training & Licensure for Existing Staff

- Medication Technician Training Program (MTTP)
  - DSPs who have taken and passed the MTTP course may begin administering medications immediately (Ends on September 30, 2022)
  - MTTP licenses current as of March 13, 2020, but expiring between March 13, 2020, and the end of the State of Emergency shall not be required to be renewed until 90 days after the end of the State of Emergency (Ends on September 30, 2022)
• **Nursing Training**
  - requirement that a Registered Nurse receive training from DDA regarding delegating nursing until the end of the State of Emergency (**Ended on August 15, 2021**)