



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

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Deputy Secretary's Agenda



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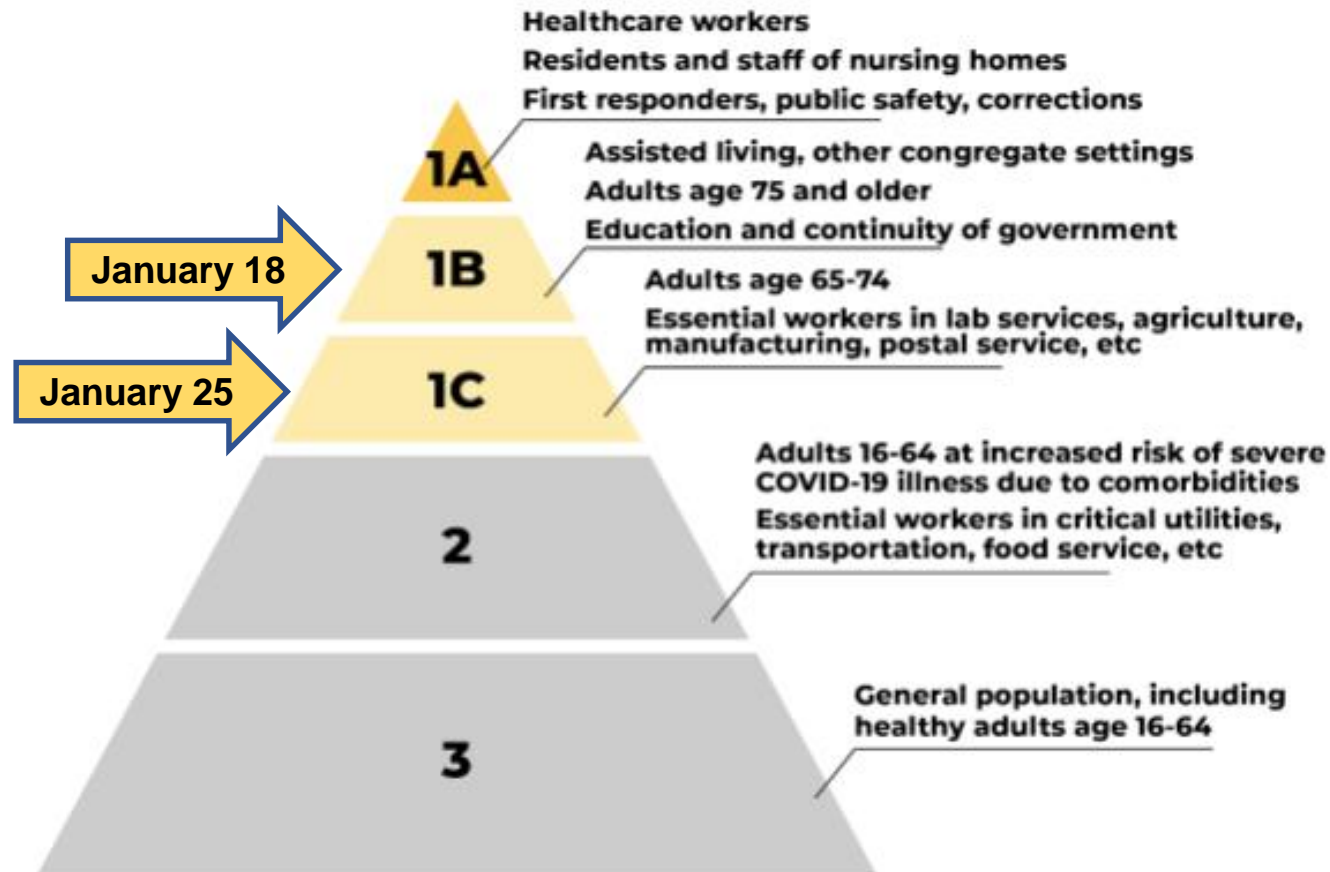
Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- The DDA is committed to transparency with all of our stakeholders to ensure we are all working with the same information to support our shared missions
- Thank you for your continued support in joining me during these webcast so that we can stay in-touch and be able to provide you with the most current information

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- On Monday, January 18, we entered Phase 1B, which includes Maryland residents who are 75 years and older; Marylanders in assisted living, independent living, developmental disabilities or behavioral health group homes, and other congregate facilities; high-risk incarcerated individuals; continuity of government vaccinations; and education, including K-12 teachers, support staff, and childcare providers
- On Monday, January 25, the state will enter Phase 1C, which includes Maryland residents ages 65 to 74; public health and safety workers not covered in Phase 1A; and essential workers in lab services, food and agriculture production, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit, and grocery stores
- The state is directing all Maryland hospitals and county health departments to utilize their next allocations for clinics focused on elderly populations

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Vaccine prioritization subject to change. Current as of January 5, 2021.

Based in part on the recommendations of the federal government's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the State is updating and expanding priority populations for vaccinations

It takes time to make enough vaccine for everybody. Governor Larry Hogan worked with the Maryland Department of Health to create a plan for vaccine distribution.

Maryland approved a plan to prioritize certain groups of people, based on risk. The Governor recently said that if everyone in an earlier group does not sign up to get the vaccine, the State will move on to people in the next priority group.

WHEN WILL PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS BE VACCINATED?

Phase 1A



Staff who are licensed, registered, or certified by a health occupation board, including DSPs that are certified medical technicians, health care providers, nursing home residents and staff, and first responders

Phase 1B



People with intellectual and developmental disabilities age 16 and older, people over 75 years old, assisted living facility residents and staff, teachers, and high-risk inmates

Phase 1C



All other direct support professionals, adults age 65-74, and essential workers in agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, and lab services

Phase 02



Adults age 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness, and essential workers in utilities, transportation, and food service

Phase 03



General population of adults age 16-64

MORE INFORMATION

[HTTPS://COVIDLINK.MARYLAND.GOV/CONTENT/VACCINE/](https://COVIDLINK.MARYLAND.GOV/CONTENT/VACCINE/)

COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITY GROUPS



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- Marylanders who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination are encouraged to visit covidvax.maryland.gov and enter their address, ZIP code, or location to view vaccination clinics available within a 50-mile radius.
- You must then contact the clinic of your choice for scheduling. Additional sites will be added as providers verify, they are ready
- The state will issue vaccination updates through a number of channels, including our statewide 2-1-1 texting service. To opt-in to receive these alerts, text 'MdReady' to 898-211

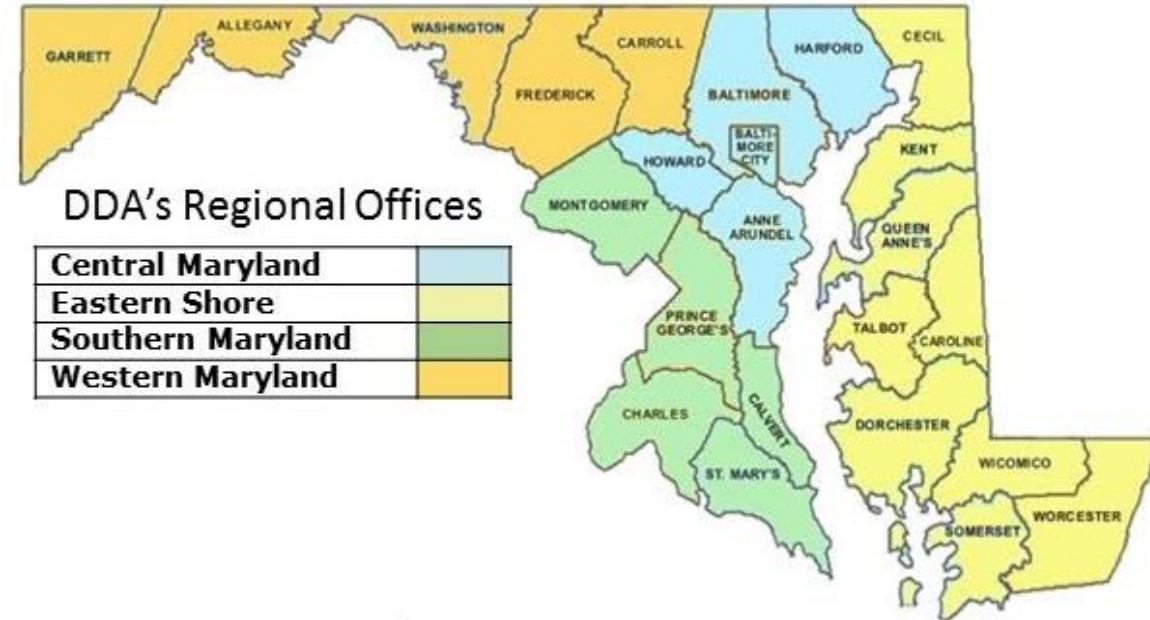
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MDH Amended Vaccination Matters Order | January 21, 2021

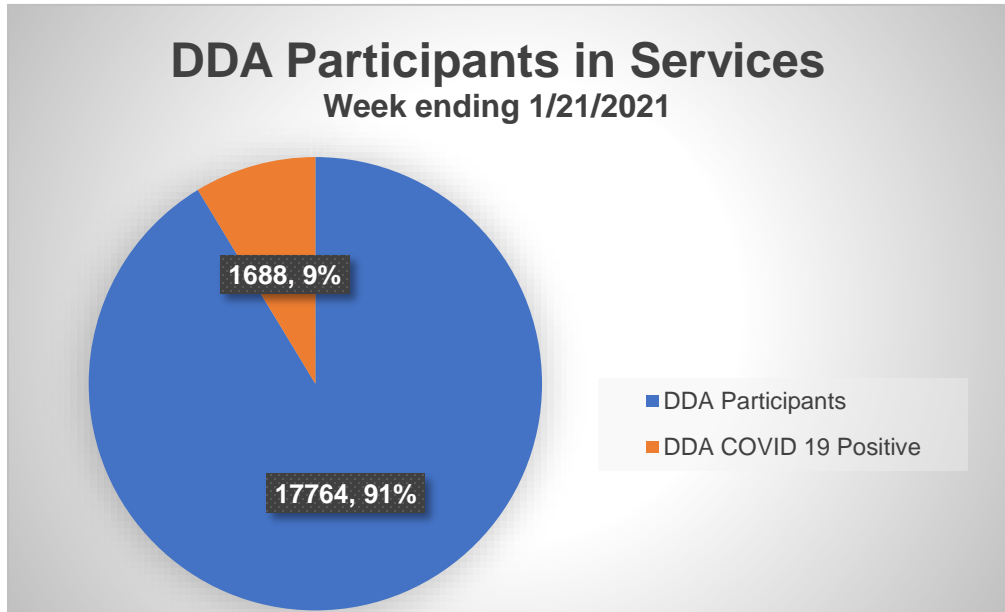
- [MDH Amended Directive and Order Regarding Vaccination Matters](#)
 - Local Health Departments shall develop a plan for minimizing waste of vaccine
 - Providers and facilities shall take steps to minimize waste by reallocating doses
 - Failure to minimize waste may result in reduction of future allocations
- [MDH Bulletin - COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Updates \(Week 7\)](#)
- [Updated Maryland School Reopening Guidance](#)

COVID-19 Regional Updates

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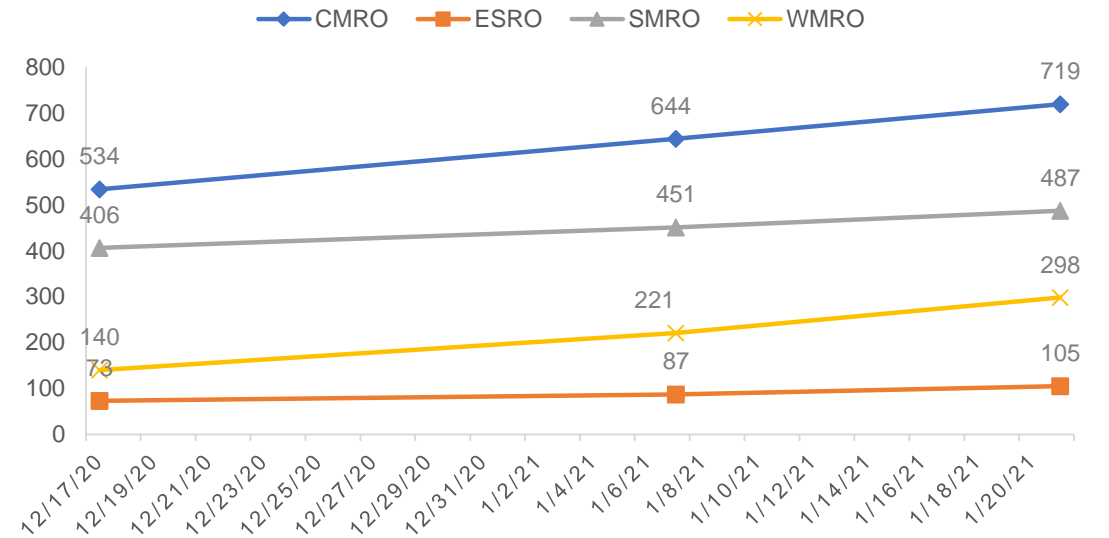


DDA Tracking



There are 17,764 people supported in services by the DDA of which 9% (1,688) have tested positive for COVID-19.

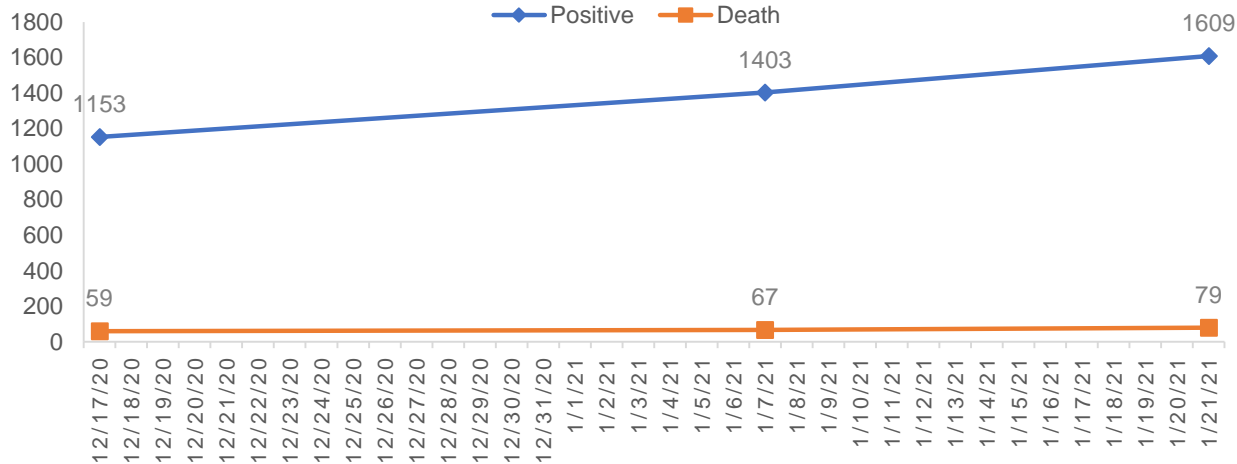
POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS BY REGION WEEK ENDING 1/21/2021



CMRO 719 Positive; Increase of 75
 ESRO 105 Positive; Increase of 18
 SMRO 487 Positive; Increase of 36
 WMRO 298 Positive; Increase of 77

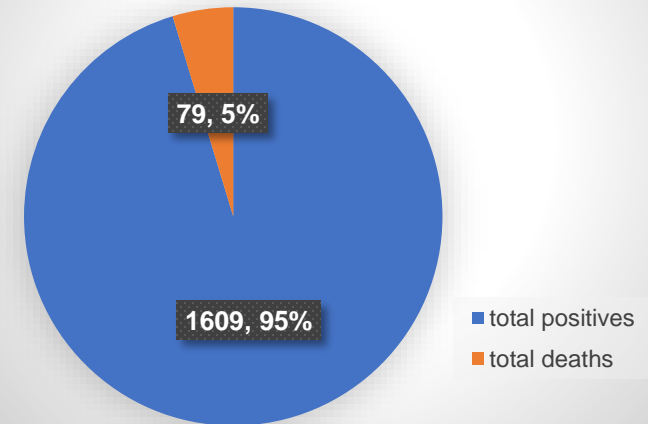
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POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS STATEWIDE
WEEK ENDING 01/21/2021



There have been 1609 participants reported as having tested positive for COVID-19 of which there have been 79 deaths. This is an increase of 12 from the last report

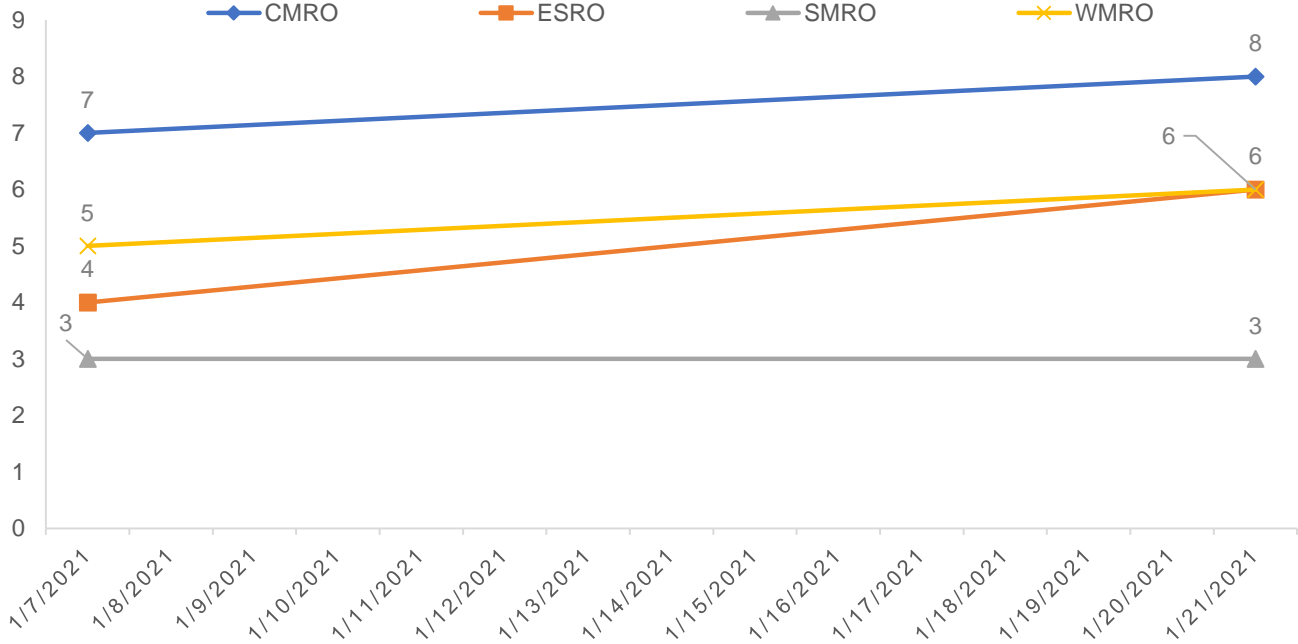
DDA COVID-19
Positives and Deaths
Week ending 1/21/2021



The 79 deaths represents approximately 5% of all (1609) participants that tested positive.

DDA Tracking

POSITIVE PARTICIPANTS IN SELF-DIRECTION
WEEK ENDING 01/21/2021



23 COVID-19 Positive
0 Deaths

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Free and confidential Mental Health Support for Maryland Direct Support Professionals

- Individual Counseling
- Bereavement Coaching
- Self-care / Stress Management Education
- Group Support for specific workgroups /shifts
- for all employees
- Critical Incident Debriefings for specific traumatic events
- Management Consultation for sustaining employee wellbeing
- Wellness / Stress Management facilitated discussions for all employees

To receive mental health services for yourself or your organization visit:

bit.ly/marylandcovidsupport

For urgent request, please contact MIEMSS at 1-800-648-3001

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Appendix K – End Date

- On January 13, 2021, CMS approved DDA's Appendix K request to change the end date to six months after the expiration of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE)
 - The COVID-19 federal PHE declaration was extended for an additional 90 days, to April 21st, 2021
 - This means the DDA Appendix K will end no earlier than October 20, 2021
 - If the federal PHE is extended again, the Appendix K end date will change
 - We will keep stakeholders informed of any changes

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Service	Traditional Service Delivery
Career Exploration	Up to 30 days at 80% rate
Community Development Services	Up to 30 days at 80% rate
Community Living- Group Home	Up to 60 days at 100% rate
Day Habilitation	Up to 30 days at 80% rate
Employment Services	Up to 30 days at 80% rate
Personal Supports	Up to 120 hours at 100% rate, within authorized limit
Personal Supports – Enhanced	Up to 120 hours at 100% rate, within authorized limit
Supported Employment	Up to 30 days at 80% rate
Supported Living	Up to 30 days at 100% rate

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At- A- Glance Documents

- [Career Exploration - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Community Development Services - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Community Living-Group Home - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Day Habilitation - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Employment Services - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Personal Support Services - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Provider Funding Flexibilities - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Retainer Payments - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Supported Employment - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)
- [Supported Living - Revised Jan 20, 2021](#)

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Appendix K - Retainer Payments

- Retainer payments request can be made for the period the Appendix K is in effect and does not have to be for consecutive days
- Retainer Payments are available for the entirety of the Appendix K authority from **March 13, 2020** until six months after the end of the federal Public Health Emergency
- Retainer Payments do not reset after the fiscal year, calendar year, or Annual Plan year

Revised: Jan 22, 2021

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Residential Retainer Fees vs Appendix K Retainer Payments

- Residential Retainer Fees (*i.e.*, Vacation Day - V Days)
 - From July 2019 through March 12, 2020, DDA Community Living – Group Home (CLGH) providers may request Residential Retainer Fees as noted within the DDA's Community Pathways approved waiver at that time. Reference: [Application for 1915\(c\) HCBS Waiver: MD.0023.R07.02 - Dec 01, 2019](#)
 - During this time frame, Residential Retainer Fee are available for up to 30 total days per calendar year, per recipient, when the recipient is unable to receive services due to hospitalization, behavioral respite, or family/friend visits

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Residential Retainer Fees vs Appendix K Retainer Payments

- Appendix K Retainer Payments (*i.e.*, COVID Day - C Days)
 - Effective March 13, 2020 (*i.e.*, the Appendix K implementation date), the COVID-19 Retainer Payment replaces the Residential Retainer Fee noted within the DDA's Community Pathways approved waiver
 - This means Residential Retainer Fees can not be billed until after the Appendix K ends
 - From March 13, 2020 through six (6) months after the federal public health emergency is declared over, CLGH retainer payments are now limited to up to a total of 60 days

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Residential Retainer Fees vs Appendix K Retainer Payments

- When the Appendix K Retainer Payments end (i.e., six (6) months after the federal public health emergency is declared over), Residential Retainer Fees as noted within the DDA's Community Pathways approved waiver at that time (e.g., Waiver Amendment #3) will apply and be limited to 18 days per calendar year

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Residential Retainer Fees vs Appendix K Retainer Payments

Type	Residential Retainer Fees (<i>Vacation - V Days</i>)	Appendix K Retainer Payments (<i>COVID - C Days</i>)	Residential Retainer Fees (<i>Vacation - V Days</i>)
Effective Date	July 1, 2019 - March 12, 2020	March 13, 2020 - the end of Appendix K	End of Appendix K - on going
Maximum Days	Up to 30 days	Up to 60 days	Up to 18 days per calendar year
Federal Authority	Community Pathways Waiver 1915 (c)	Appendix K	Community Pathway Waiver 1915 (c)

Note: Appendix K will end six months after the federal Public Health Emergency.

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Retainer Payments – Provider Attestation

- As per federal requirements, States interested in utilizing retainer payments for multiple days per person are expected to include and apply guardrails in their Appendix K and collect provider attestations (Reference: [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) for State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\) Agencies Updated January 6, 2021](#))
- We are reviewing federal requirements and will include the process in our guidance

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DDA Waiver Amendment #3

- CMS approved DDA's Waiver Amendments #3 on January 19, 2021
- We have posted to each waiver's dedicated page:
 - CMS questions and our responses
 - The final track change versions that reflect guidance from CMS
 - Links to the entire waiver application
- We are developing guidance and At A Glance documents related to the changes reflected in the amendments
- DDA will schedule a webinar to review the information and answer questions

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DDA Waiver Amendment #3

- [Family Supports Waiver – Amendment #3 2020](#)
 - [Family Supports Waiver Amendment #3 2021, Effective January 19, 2021](#)
- [Community Supports Waiver – Amendment #3 2020](#)
 - [Community Supports Waiver Amendment #3 2021, Effective January 19, 2021](#)
- [Community Pathways Waiver – Amendment #3 2020](#)
 - [Community Pathways Waiver Amendment #3 2021, Effective January 19, 2021](#)

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Detailed Service Authorization Tool (DSAT)

- Personal Supports – Appendix K Add-on –COVID-19 line was updated to reflect:
 - Additional months to account for revision to the Appendix K end date

Personal Supports - Appendix K Add-on -- COVID-19		Notes
Hours per week		
Provider Medical Assistance Number		
Requested Authorized Months		
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- Created DSAT – At a Glance Tool
 - [Detailed Service Authorization Tool \(DSAT\) Form - Revised Jan 22, 2021](#)
 - [At a Glance - Detailed Service Authorization Tool \(DSAT\)](#)

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FY 2022 SUMMARY – GOVERNOR'S ALLOWANCE COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Community Services Proposed FY 2022 Budget = **\$1,487,820,229**
- **Summary:** The DDA budget increased by \$8.4% over the current year due the provider rate increase and the cost of new expansion planned for FY 2022 as well as the annualization of the previous year's expansion cost

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Highlights:

- \$23 million – Transitioning Youth
- \$ 2.4 million – Emergency Placements
- \$13.7 million – Waiting List
- \$ 4.0 million – DSS Age-out's
- \$51.2 million – Continued support of 1/1/21 provider rate increase

REGISTER

- January 26 at 10 a.m.-[Self-Directed Services Webinar for Coordinators of Community Services and Providers](#)
- January 27 at 11 a.m.-[Self-Directed Services Webinar for Coordinators of Community Services and Providers](#)
- January 27 at 12 noon-[Maryland Community of Practice for Supporting Families](#)
- January 29 at 1 p.m.-[National Core Indicators Staff Stability Survey](#)
- February 5 at 10 a.m. [Value Based Payments Discussion](#)
- February 15 and 16-[Support Broker Initial Certification](#)
- February 17 and 18-[Support Broker Recertification](#)



Questions



Please join us for our 2021 Webinar Series:

- February 5 and 19 at 1pm
- March 5 and 19 at 1pm
- April 2, 16, and 30 at 1pm
- May 14 and 28 at 1pm