Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

April 10, 2020
Deputy Secretary’s Agenda

• Opening Remarks
• DDA Regional Office Update
• Kenneth A Feder, PhD, Epedemic Intelligence Service Officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
• Heather Saunders, MPH RN CIC. Nursing Program Consultant at Maryland Department of Health
• Questions
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

• We appreciate your on-going communication with the DDA of what you are dealing with and your efforts in supporting each other during this pandemic

• I hope you had the opportunity to read the resources I shared during last Friday’s webinar and this week's communication related to COVID-19 - DDA Licensed Residential Settings Suspected Outbreak Provider Checklist and Individuals Returning to DDA Licensed Residential Settings Guidance—April 8, 2020

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The DDA Appendix K Update

- **Friday April 3\(^{rd}\)**
  - Department of Budget and Management authorization to move forward with adjustment to Meaningful Day Retainer Payment
  - Maryland Department of Health’s Medicaid Director submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - CMS email acknowledgement of receipt
The DDA Appendix K Update

• **Monday April 6th**
  • CMS call to share overview of DDA’s Appendix K
  • Retainer Payments receiving enhanced review and must be aligned with Maryland’s Nursing Home bed hold days (i.e. 18 days)
  • CMS to share questions and concerns this week
  • CMS expediting review process and hope to have approval within 10 – 14 days
The DDA Appendix K Update

Next Steps

• The DDA is reviewing program, fiscal, and operational changes needed
  • Guidance for stakeholders (*e.g.* who, what, when, how)
  • PCIS2 service authorization (*e.g.* retainer payments, increase services)
  • Medicaid Procedure Codes and tracking funding
  • “At A Glance” sheets to help inform stakeholder
• The DDA will continue to provide updates on the status
Personal Protective Equipment

• The DDA received PPE supplies yesterday and the regional offices have started to distribute based on need.

• The DDA is asking providers and people in self-direction to complete a PPE Needs Request Form to prioritized distribution based on need, utilization of other resources, and continued availability.

• The priority is based on two (2) major areas:
  1. Outbreak - staff or person in service tested COVID-19 positive
  2. No PPE supplies in the residence
Personal Protective Equipment

Distribution Command Center Locations

• For SMRO and CMRO Providers
  1401 Severn St. Suite 200, Baltimore, MD 21230
  (Use back parking lot/door for pick up)

• For ESRO Providers-
  ESRO staff will deliver to providers

• For WMRO Providers
  1360 Marshall Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740
  (Use front door of Regional office for pick up)
Personal Protective Equipment Request

Available PPE

- Gloves
- Face masks
- Gowns
- N95 masks
Regional Updates

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The DDA Commitment

• We will continue to share information and resources
• We will continue to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the people you support, their families and staff
• We will help Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive
• We will continue to keep you updated as we learn about our Appendix K application
Questions