Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

April 24, 2020
Deputy Secretary’s Agenda

• Opening Remarks
• DDA Regional Office Update
• Appendix K Update
• Dr. Timothy Chizmar, State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS
• Abigail Gadbois, DDA Legislative Liaison assisting Dr. Chizmar with the administration of the Go Team program
• 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 about 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 last week on how to request a “go-team” through your county’s local health department and local emergency agency. Today you are going to hear directly from Dr. Chizmar, State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS on how to request a go team and their role
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Appendix K Process

- States submit Appendix K request to CMS
- States share an overview of request during conference call
- CMS initial staff review and share initial questions with states
- States resubmit with answers to questions
- CMS higher level management review and share additional questions
- States resubmit with answers to questions
DDA Waivers Appendix K Update

Initial Submission
• Friday, April 3 - DDA Appendix K Waiver submitted to CMS
• Monday, April 6 - Conference call with CMS
• Friday, April 10 - CMS initial questions

Last Week
• Monday, April 13 - DDA resubmitted with answers to questions
• Thursday, April 16 - CMS additional questions
• Friday, April 17 - DDA resubmitted with answers to questions
Appendix K Update

This Week

Tuesday, April 21  - Conference call with CMS and additional question
  - DDA Resubmitted with answers to questions

Wednesday, April 22  - Conference call with CMS and additional question
  - DDA Resubmitted with answers to questions

Thursday, April 23- CMS approved our request for the COVID-19 pandemic related Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K amendment

Appendix K Approval Letter
APPENDIX K: Emergency Preparedness and Response
Appendix K Update

CMS questions and revisions request:

- Reorder language – move text from third paragraph to first
- Confirm settings – relatives can provide in alternative settings
- Clarify – out of state services
  - Service provided by current provider and
  - Service can be provided by out of state provider
- Add language
  - “in order to waive the settings regulations as necessary”
  - “cannot exceed end date of Appendix K”
- Retainer payment can not exceed “bed hold” in nursing facilities
- Remove language – covered under State Plan
Appendix K Next Steps

• The DDA is finalizing needed program, fiscal, and operational changes
• Information sharing and posting on the DDA Website
  • “At A Glance” sheets to help inform stakeholder
  • DDA Guidance
  • Topic specific webinars
• The DDA will continue to provide updates on the status
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
COVID-19 Go Teams

Dr. Timothy P. Chizmar
State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS

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What is a Go Team?

- Team of experts that visit long-term care facilities to give advice and short-term support for the facility’s COVID-19 response
  - Maryland National Guard
  - Health and Human Services Health (HHS) and Medical Task Force
  - Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS)
  - Hospital systems – nearly all large hospital systems statewide
What is a Go Team?

• Three types of Go Teams:
  • Assist Team
  • Care Delivery Team
  • Testing Team

• Go Teams are not:
  • Connected to OHCQ, licensure, or citations
  • A source of long-term staffing support
  • Able to provide PPE to facilities
What is an Assist Team?

• Clinical and logistics experts
  • HHS
  • MDNG

• Assess availability and use of:
  • PPE
  • Staff
  • Medicine and medical supplies
  • Nutritional and other essential supplies

• Assess infection control and cohorting practices
• Report findings and recommendations
Assist Team Reports

• Recommendations intended to help the facility manage infection control, cohorting practices, and testing strategies
• Reports are considered confidential medical review documents
• Reports are made available to facility and local health officer
What is a Care Delivery Team?

• Clinical experts
  • HHS
  • Local hospitals
  • Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, RNs, Medics
• Assess, triage, and stabilize individuals
• Limited medical interventions
• Address palliative care concerns
• Make recommendations to limit hospitalizations
What is a Testing Team?

• Provide limited test kits
  • Based on the available supply and the recommendations of the MDH/MIEMSS review team
• Facilitate sample collection and documentation at the facility
• Coordinate with lab for processing samples
How to Request a Go Team

1. Facility identifies need
2. Notify LHD and complete questionnaire
3. LHD and EMA enter request into webEOC
4. MDH collects and confirms request
5. MDH and MIEMSS review requests
   - AM and PM
6. MDH activates Go Team

MIEMSS: Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
LHD: local health department
EMA: emergency management agency
Questions?

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