




MEMORANDUM

To: DDA Stakeholders
From: Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary 
Re: DDA Amendment #3 2020 - Guidance #7 –Nursing Support Services Provider Program Service Plan
Release Date: February 16, 2021
Effective: January 19, 2021

NOTE: Please inform appropriate staff members of the contents of this memorandum.

BACKGROUND

On January 19, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Waiver Amendments #3 2020 with an effective date of January 19, 2021.

The purpose of this guidance is to inform stakeholders of changes to the DDA's Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver programs (*i.e.*, Community Pathways Waiver, Community Supports Waiver, and Family Supports Waiver) (each a "DDA Waiver program") and operations based on the approved amendments.

This guidance applies to DDA Providers and DDA Regional Office Program Staff. This guidance applies to Nursing Support services rendered to participants under both service delivery models: the self-directed and traditional service delivery models for the following services.

OVERVIEW

Changes in Amendment #3 of the DDA Waiver program applications consolidated the three nursing support services (*i.e.*, Nurse Consultation, Nurse Health Case Management, and Nurse Case Management and Delegation) into a single DDA Waiver program service, now called Nursing Support Services.

As a result, current DDA Providers certified to provide Nurse Consultation, Nurse Health Case Management, and/or Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services will need to update their Program Service Plans to reflect this change.

Please note that this guidance memorandum is intended to highlight the changes in the DDA Waiver programs created by Amendment #3. This guidance memorandum does not address all applicable DDA Waiver program requirements. To review all applicable DDA Waiver program requirements, please refer directly to Amendment #3 of the DDA Waiver program application, effective January 19, 2021.

Applicable Services Reference Table

Meaningful Day Services		Residential Services		Support Services (CCS and Waiver Supports)		
	Employment Services		Community Living – Group Home		Assistive Technology & Services	X Nurse Consultation
	Supported Employment		Community Living – Enhanced Supports		Behavioral Support Services	X Nurse Health Case Management
	Employment Discovery & Customization		Supported Living		Coordination of Community Services	X Nurse CM & Delegation Svs
	Career Exploration		Shared Living		Environmental Assessment	Participant Ed, Training & Advocacy
	Community Development Svs				Environmental Modification	Personal Supports
	Day Habilitation				Family & Peer Mentoring Supports	Respite Services
					Family Caregiver Training & Empowerment	Remote Support Services
					Housing Support	Support Broker
					Live-in Caregiver Supports	Transportation Svs
				X	Nursing Support Services	Vehicle Mods

Standards and Requirements

Provider Program Service Plan

- A. Current DDA providers certified to provide Nurse Consultation, Nurse Health Case Management, and Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services will need to update their Program Service Plan (required by COMAR 10.22.02.09) to reflect this change.
- B. Current DDA providers must submit an amendment to their current Program Service Plan to the DDA Regional Office Provider Relations liaison and receive approval.
- C. DDA Providers shall update their Program Service Plan for the applicable Nursing Support Services:
 - 1. As part of their annual re-licensure/re-certification process; and
 - 2. Prior to the end of this current fiscal year.

Applicable Resources:

[Community Pathways Waiver](#)

[Community Supports Waiver](#)

[Family Supports Waiver](#)

[Memo #2 - DDA Amendment #3 - Person Centered Plan Changes](#)