



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

*Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary*

**DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES**

*Carol A. Beatty, Secretary*

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Dear Developmental Disability Providers and Stakeholders:

Thank you for your continued partnership in our COVID-19 response and transition planning.

This communication provides an important update about two of the Appendix K flexibilities that are being extended through 12/31/21:

1. Waiver of training requirements for family members providing services to participants
2. Increased rate (isolation)

Attached to this communication is an updated Appendix K chart for your reference as well as the updated Appendix K memos, which provide detailed information about these flexibilities.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) recognize your commitment to keeping Marylanders with developmental disabilities safe in the communities where they live and work. We value our ongoing collaboration with members of the Developmental Disabilities Coalition to respond to the needs of Marylanders as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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Dennis R. Schrader  
Secretary  
Maryland Department of Health

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