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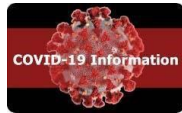DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

**COMMUNITY LIVING -
GROUP HOME
At-A-Glance**

COVID-19 Information

COVID-19 DDA Services

Temporary changes, effective March 13, 2020, and Revised March 29, 2023

Service Delivery Flexibilities

- May be provided in alternative sites such as family homes, hotels, and other community settings **(Ended on August 15, 2021)**

- May exceed maximum number of people in the home to address staffing shortages or impact of people who are required to isolate **(Ended on October 14, 2021)**

- May provide this service for people who are in an acute care hospital or short-term institutional stay

Staffing Flexibilities

- Staffing ratios may be exceeded due to staffing shortages **(Ends on June 30, 2023)**

- Exceptions to 1:1 and 2:1 staff ratio must be approved by the DDA **(Ends on June 30, 2023)**

- May be rendered by relatives or legally responsible individuals *(including spouses and parents of minor children)* **(Ends on June 30, 2023)**

- Expedited onboarding with only essential training required prior to supporting people **(Ends on June 30, 2023)**

Service Authorization Flexibilities

- Day time shared service hours will be authorized to provide funding for supports based upon the number of people in the home, with more available based upon individual needs **(Ends on June 30, 2023)**

Retainer Payments & Rates

- Add 60 COVID-19 related Retainer Payment days **(Ends on June 30, 2023)** (**Note:** DDA Residential Providers who have not accessed the Community Pathways base waiver residential retainer fees (18 days per calendar year only) or have exhausted all Appendix K residential retainer payments, *may* access residential retainer fees payments as stipulated in the Community Pathways Waiver as of January 1, 2022.)

- Increased rate for supporting people who have positive determination for COVID-19 and are required to be isolated **(Ends on June 30, 2023)**

Documentation & Billing

- DDA will share guidance on documentation and billing for retainer days

- Providers must maintain documentation for positive COVID-19 determination and submit upon request

**Visit our website for additional COVID-19 resources:
https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_Appendix_K.aspx
Have questions? Email them to: dda.toolkitinfo@maryland.gov**

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