



BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT SERVICES

At a Glance

COVID-19 DDA Services

Temporary changes, effective March 13, 2020, and Revised March 14, 2022

Service Delivery Flexibilities

- May be provided over the phone, or by Skype, Zoom, Facetime, etc. to allow services to continue to be provided remotely in the home and community settings (Ends on June 30, 2022 for Brief Support Implemental Services)
- May be provided in a variety of settings such as residential sites, family homes, and other community settings (Ended on August 15, 2021)
- May be provided at the same time as the direct provision of Respite Care Services (Ends on June 30, 2022)
- May develop Emergency Safety Plans when the person has to social isolate or is quarantined (Ends on June 30, 2022)

Staffing Flexibilities

- A provider organization's director or MANDT trainer, who are not otherwise licensed to write Behavior Plans, may develop temporary Emergency Safety Plans (Ends on June 30, 2022)
- The following people may provide this service during the emergency: special education teachers and instructional assistants (Ends on June 30, 2022)
- In addition, providers, agencies, and entities authorized, certified, or approved by: Medicaid for Applied Behavioral Analysis, Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), local school systems, and non-public schools for mental health professionals may become a provider (Ends on June 30, 2022)

Service Authority Flexibilities

- May be provided without prior authorization by the DDA (Ends on June 30, 2022)

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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