



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

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April 28, 2023



Agenda



- **Opening Remarks**
- **The DDA Connection**
- **Federal Program Updates**
- **Program Updates**
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The DDA Connection



The screenshot shows the Maryland Department of Health - DDA Connection webpage. At the top is the Maryland Department of Health logo, featuring a stylized cross and the state flag colors. Below the logo is the text "Maryland DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH". The main heading is "The DDA Connection" with the date "4/20/23". A section titled "How do you do you?" features a photo of a woman and text asking about experiences with DDA services. A blue button labeled "I'M INTERESTED!" is positioned below this section. The "Programs Updates" section includes information about a "Technology First" event on April 25, 2023, and a \$50 Tech First gift card.

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4/20/23

How do you do you?

The Maryland Department of Health - Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) wants to know, "How do you do you?" Experienced success in finding a new job? Found a new apartment? Using technology to experience more independence in your home? Made innovative changes to support people with developmental disabilities? We want to highlight how you use DDA services to live your fulfilled life or help those you serve do so. We would like to interview you! Interested? Click below:

I'M INTERESTED!

Programs Updates

Technology First

We look forward to your participation in our next **Tech Tuesday** event on **April 25, 2023, noon-1 p.m.**, during which we will be raffling a one-time Tech-related gift card to a participant who attends for the full duration of the webinar!

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\$50
Tech First

April 25, 2023: Enabling Technology & Quality of Life: My Home, My Health, My Privacy

The DDA Connection was created in response to your request for timely, more consistent information that is accessible to you.

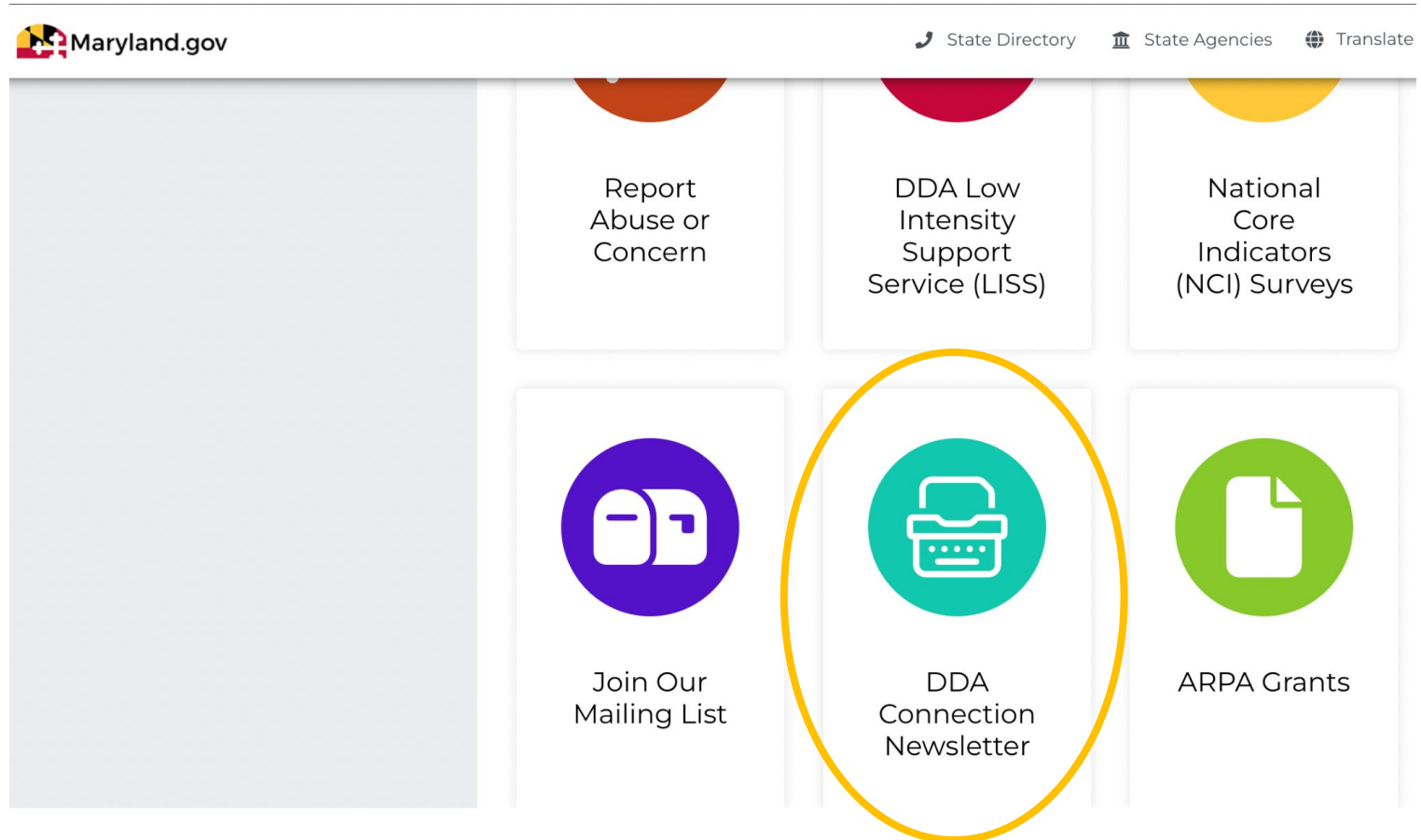
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Interested in sharing your story?

Email Dr. Yemonja Smalls at yemonja.smalls@maryland.gov

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Federal Programs Updates

Waiver Renewal and Appendix K Unwinding

Waiver Renewal Update

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the Family Supports, Community Supports, and Community Pathways Waiver renewal proposals.

DDA's next steps:

- Waiver Renewals 2023 Services Update Summary Chart issued next week.
- DDA Renewal web pages updated with track change documents.
- Policies updated with renewal changes.
- DDA Renewal Webinar on May 19, 2023 from noon to 1:30 - [REGISTER HERE](#)
[BUTTON](#).
- The DDA Connection - Waiver Renewal Special Edition - coming soon!

Reminder: DDA Appendix K Flexibilities

Ending 6/30/23

Funding and retainer payments:

- Meaningful Day, Personal Supports, and Residential* retainer payments
- Increased rate (isolation).
- Residential day time shared service hours.*
- Suspension of the minimum number of hours of Meaningful Day services to be provided during a single day. A provider may bill for the entire day in PCIS2 only if they provide the person with, at minimum, three hours of cumulative supports.

Hiring and training requirements:

- Waiving all but essential training.
- Policy on Reportable Incidents and Investigations (PORII) training provided in an expedited format.
- Sharing staff among providers.
- CPR and First Aid exceptions.
- Suspension of MANDT® training
- Waiver of high school or GED requirement.*
- Annual training requirement extension for DSPs who have previously completed all training requirements (less than 18 months ago).
- Hiring relatives and legally responsible individuals.*

Service Flexibilities:

- Services provided any day of the week* and exceed eight hours a day* and 40 hours per week within the person's authorized budget.

Staff ratios:

- Staffing ratios (exceed maximum).
- Staffing ratios -- 1:1 and 2:1 exceptions.

Self-Direction:

- Budget Modifications without prior authorization.*
- Support Broker
 - Provided up to 20 hours per month.*
 - Paid to provide other waiver services.

Note: Flexibilities noted with an (*) will have some service-level exceptions through DDA's Waiver programs

Reminder: Appendix K Flexibilities Made Permanent

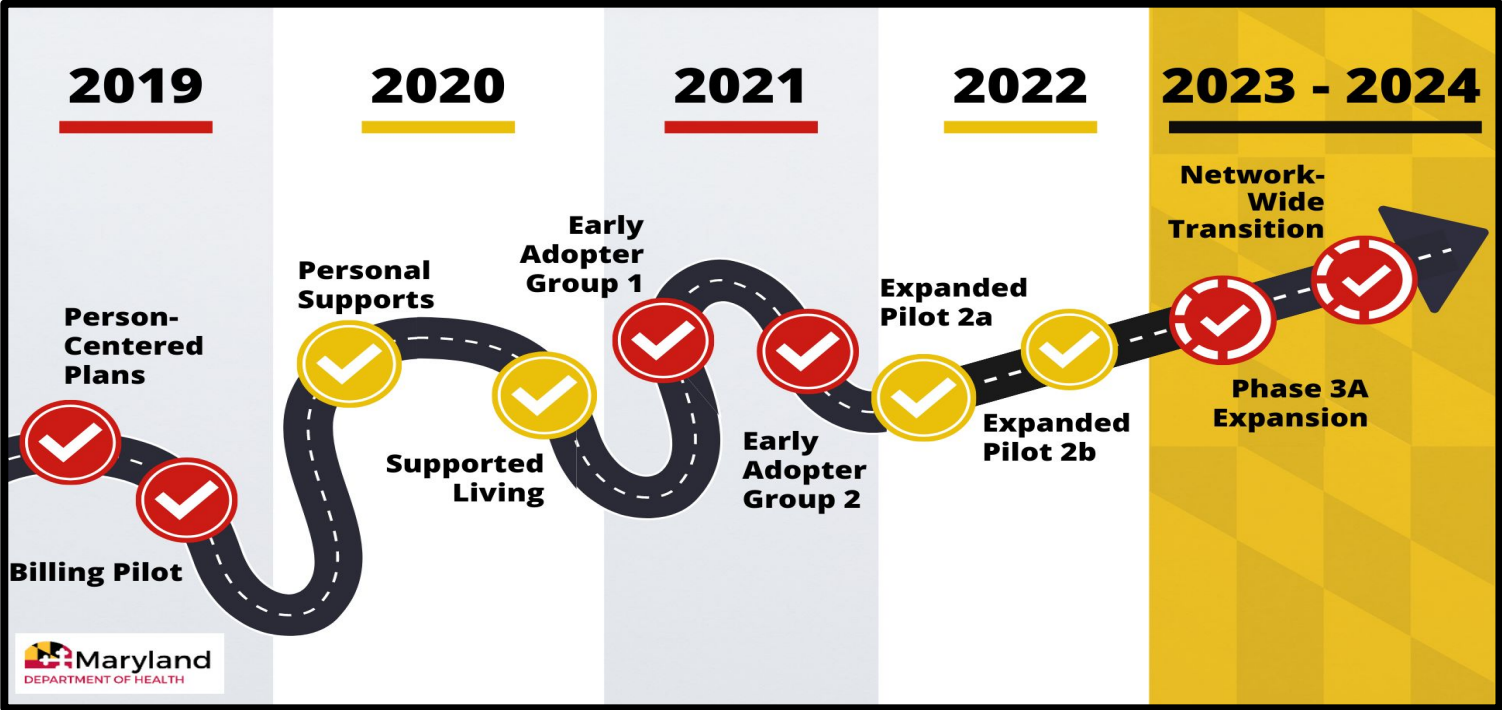
- Residential retainer payment.
- Residential day time shared service hours.
- Meaningful day services can be provided any day of the week.
- Employment Service On-going Job Support hours per day.
- Waiver of high school or GED requirement.
- Hiring relatives and legally responsible individuals.
- Budget modifications.

Note: Please refer to the approved waivers and DDA's guidance for additional information and requirements.

Programs Updates

LTSS transition & PCP enhancements

LTSS Transition



Thank you to those that completed the LTSS transition survey!

Pick a transition date today!

Person-Centered Planning (PCP) Enhancements

We still need representation from community advocates and people we support.

Invitation letters will be sent the first week of May.



Operations Update

5.5% ARPA Reconciliation, Liberty Healthcare Updates

Advance Recovery/Reconciliation

- $5.5\% \text{ ARPA Advance} - 5.5\% \text{ Rate Earned} = \text{Clawback/Payment Amount (+/-)}$
 - For providers that maintain services in PCIS2, the reconciled amount (positive or negative) will be included as part of the DDA FY24 Q1 payment invoice as an adjustment.
 - For providers that no longer maintain services in PCIS2, the reconciled amount (positive or negative) will be paid or collected by issuing checks or providing invoices to providers.

Office Hours

- Office hours will be held next week for those that require additional follow up. The below dates and times are available:
 - Tuesday, May 2
 - 2-4 p.m. EST
 - Thursday, May 4
 - 9-10 a.m. EST
 - 2:30-3:30 p.m. EST
 - Friday, May 5
 - 4-5 p.m. EST

Office Hours

- Please sign up through:
 - Calendly link: https://calendly.com/elizabeth_peters/arpa-reconciliation
 - QR code:



Competitive Grants

Grant Application Submission is closed.

Revised Timeline:

- May 15, 2023 - Award letters
- July 1, 2023 - Funding will begin



December 16, 2022



Liberty Updates on System Performance and Person Centered Excellence Evaluation Activities

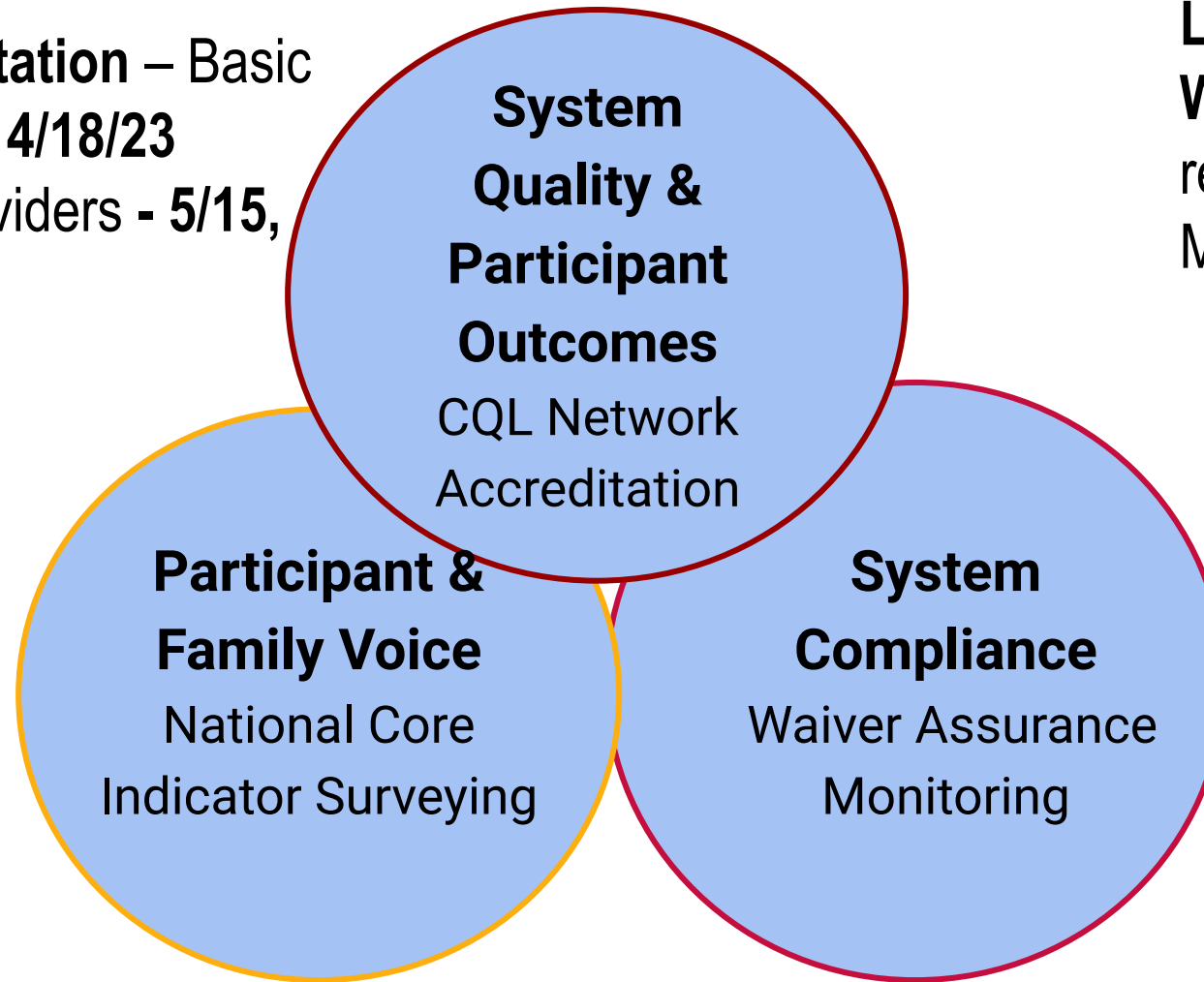
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Liberty Updates

CQL Network Accreditation – Basic Assurance Pilot began **4/18/23**
BA Training for all Providers - **5/15, 5/16, 5/17, 5/23, 5/24**

348 DDA participants have shared their voice in the **NCI In-person survey**
Over 750 family members have completed the mailed NCI survey



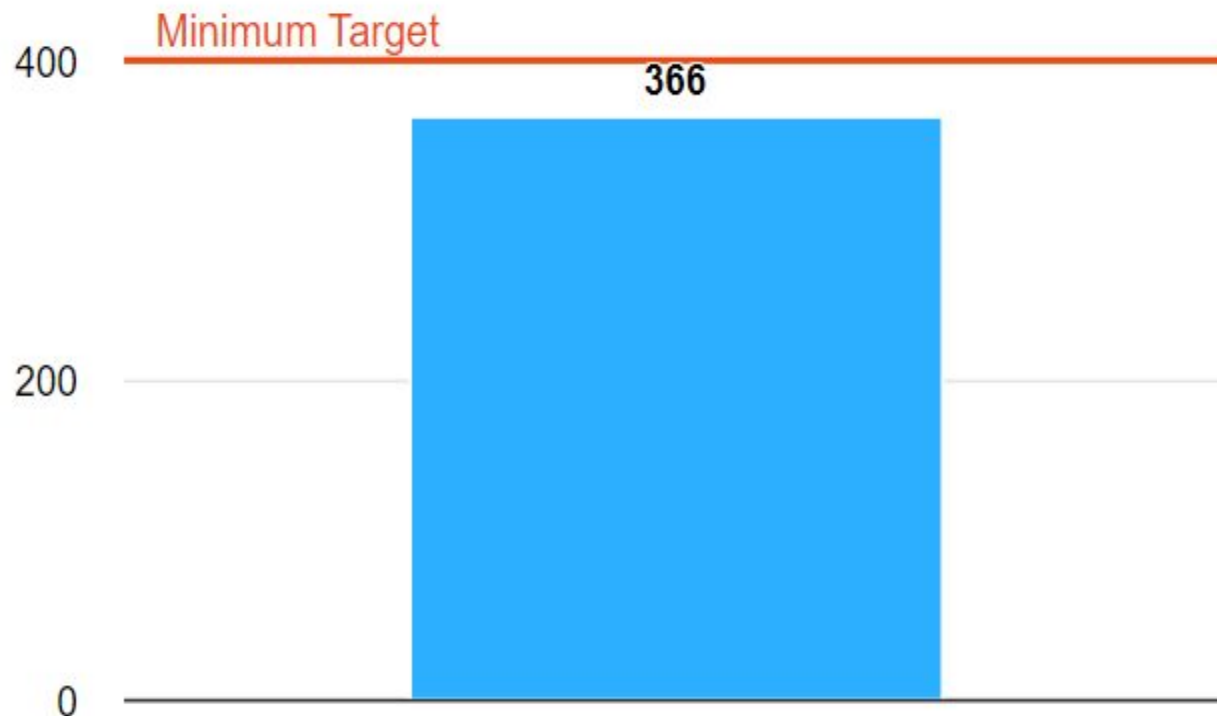
Liberty Collaborative Workgroup has two remaining sessions in May and June 2023

70% of TCM reviews for the review period have been completed
Utilization Reviews began with Service Providers on **4/17/23**



National Core Indicators (NCI) Data Collection Status

NCI In-Person Survey with Participants



NCI Family Surveys

Adult Family Survey - 517

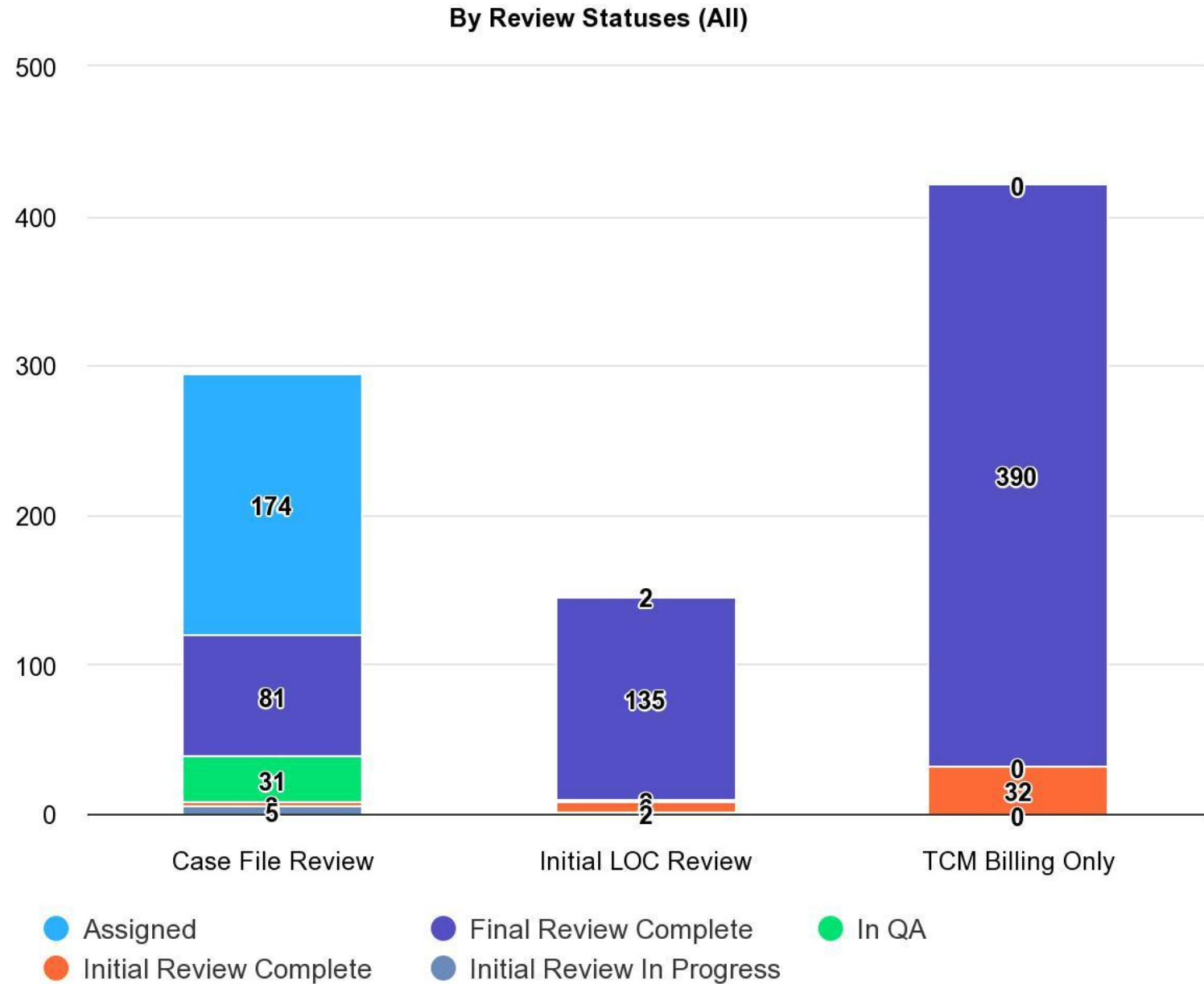
Family/Guardian Survey - 227

Families that would like to receive a survey, please email Liberty at marylandqio@libertyhealth.com or call **(866) 414-9525**



TCM Review Status

- **Initial Billing Reviews:**
100% Complete - Reports will be sent this week to CCS Agencies
- **Initial Level Of Care Reviews:** 92% Complete
- **Case File Reviews:** 28% Complete





What's Up Next?

Completion of the Council for Quality and Leadership Basic Assurance Reviews pilot (April - May 2023)

Completion of baseline TCM and Provider Utilization Reviews (June 2023)

Completion of FY23 NCI Surveying (June 2023)

Further development, piloting and finalization of Health and Welfare Reviews

- Critical Incidents
- Restraint Related Incidents
- ER & Hospitalization Data analysis

Further development, piloting and finalization of Qualified Provider Reviews



For additional Questions? Email
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Upcoming Monthly Webinars

To register for Monthly Webinars with Deputy Secretary Bernie Simons:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7056441753881626381>

Next webinar: May 26, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Questions

