Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

April 24, 2020

Deputy Secretary's Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- DDA Regional Office Update
- Appendix K Update
- Dr. Timothy Chizmar, State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS
- Abigail Gadbois, DDA Legislative Liaison assisting Dr. Chizmar with the administration of the Go Team program
- Questions

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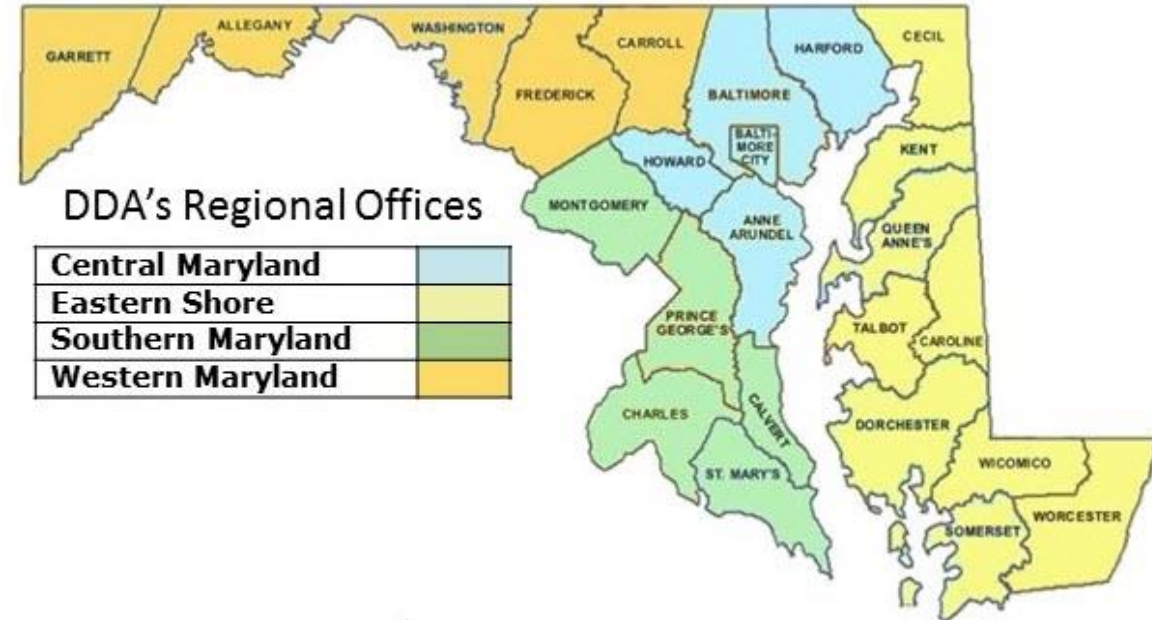DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Deputy Secretary's Opening Remarks

- The DDA's highest priority is the health, safety, and wellbeing of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, staff, and providers
- We appreciate your on-going communication with the DDA about what you are dealing with and your efforts in supporting each other during this pandemic
- I hope you had the opportunity to read the resources I shared last week on how to request a "go-team" through your county's local health department and local emergency agency. Today you are going to hear directly from Dr. Chizmar, State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS on how to request a go team and their role

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DDA's Regional Offices

Central Maryland	
Eastern Shore	
Southern Maryland	
Western Maryland	

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Appendix K Process

- States submit Appendix K request to CMS
- States share an overview of request during conference call
- CMS initial staff review and share initial questions with states
- States resubmit with answers to questions
- CMS higher level management review and share additional questions
- States resubmit with answers to questions

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DDA Waivers Appendix K Update

Initial Submission

- Friday, April 3 - DDA Appendix K Waiver submitted to CMS
- Monday, April 6 - Conference call with CMS
- Friday, April 10 - CMS initial questions

Last Week

- Monday, April 13 - DDA resubmitted with answers to questions
- Thursday, April 16 - CMS additional questions
- Friday, April 17 - DDA resubmitted with answers to questions

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Appendix K Update

This Week

Tuesday, April 21 - Conference call with CMS and additional question

        - DDA Resubmitted with answers to questions

Wednesday, April 22- Conference call with CMS and additional question

        - DDA Resubmitted with answers to questions

Thursday, April 23- CMS approved our request for the COVID-19 pandemic related Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K amendment

Appendix K Approval Letter

APPENDIX K: Emergency Preparedness and Response

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Appendix K Update

CMS questions and revisions request:

- Reorder language – move text from third paragraph to first
- Confirm settings – relatives can provide in alternative settings
- Clarify – out of state services
  - Service provided by current provider and
  - Service can be provided by out of state provider
- Add language
  - "in order to waive the settings regulations as necessary"
  - "cannot exceed end date of Appendix K"
  - Retainer payment can not exceed "bed hold" in nursing facilities
- Remove language – covered under State Plan

Appendix K Next Steps

- The DDA is finalizing needed program, fiscal, and operational changes
- Information sharing and posting on the DDA Website
  - "At A Glance" sheets to help inform stakeholder
  - DDA Guidance
  - Topic specific webinars
- The DDA will continue to provide updates on the status

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The DDA Commitment

- We will continue to share information and resources
- We will continue to collaborate and advocate on behalf of the people you support, their families, and staff
- We will help Marylanders with intellectual and developmental disabilities thrive
- We will continue to keep you updated

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COVID-19 Go Teams

Dr. Timothy P. Chizmar
State EMS Medical Director, MIEMSS

Abigail Gadbois
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What is a Go Team?

- Team of experts that visit long-term care facilities to give advice and short-term support for the facility's COVID-19 response
  - Maryland National Guard
  - Health and Human Services Health (HHS) and Medical Task Force
  - Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS)
  - Hospital systems – nearly all large hospital systems statewide

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What is a Go Team?

- Three types of Go Teams:
  - Assist Team
  - Care Delivery Team
  - Testing Team

- Go Teams are not:
  - Connected to OHCQ, licensure, or citations
  - A source of long-term staffing support
  - Able to provide PPE to facilities

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What is an Assist Team?

- Clinical and logistics experts
  - HHS
  - MDNG
- Assess availability and use of:
  - PPE
  - Staff
  - Medicine and medical supplies
  - Nutritional and other essential supplies
- Assess infection control and cohorting practices
- Report findings and recommendations

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Assist Team Reports

- Recommendations intended to help the facility manage infection control, cohorting practices, and testing strategies

- Reports are considered confidential medical review documents

- Reports are made available to facility and local health officer

What is a Care Delivery Team?

- Clinical experts
  - HHS
  - Local hospitals
  - Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, RNs, Medics
- Assess, triage, and stabilize individuals
- Limited medical interventions
- Address palliative care concerns
- Make recommendations to limit hospitalizations

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What is a Testing Team?

- Provide limited test kits
  - Based on the available supply and the recommendations of the MDH/MIEMSS review team
- Facilitate sample collection and documentation at the facility
- Coordinate with lab for processing samples

How to Request a Go Team

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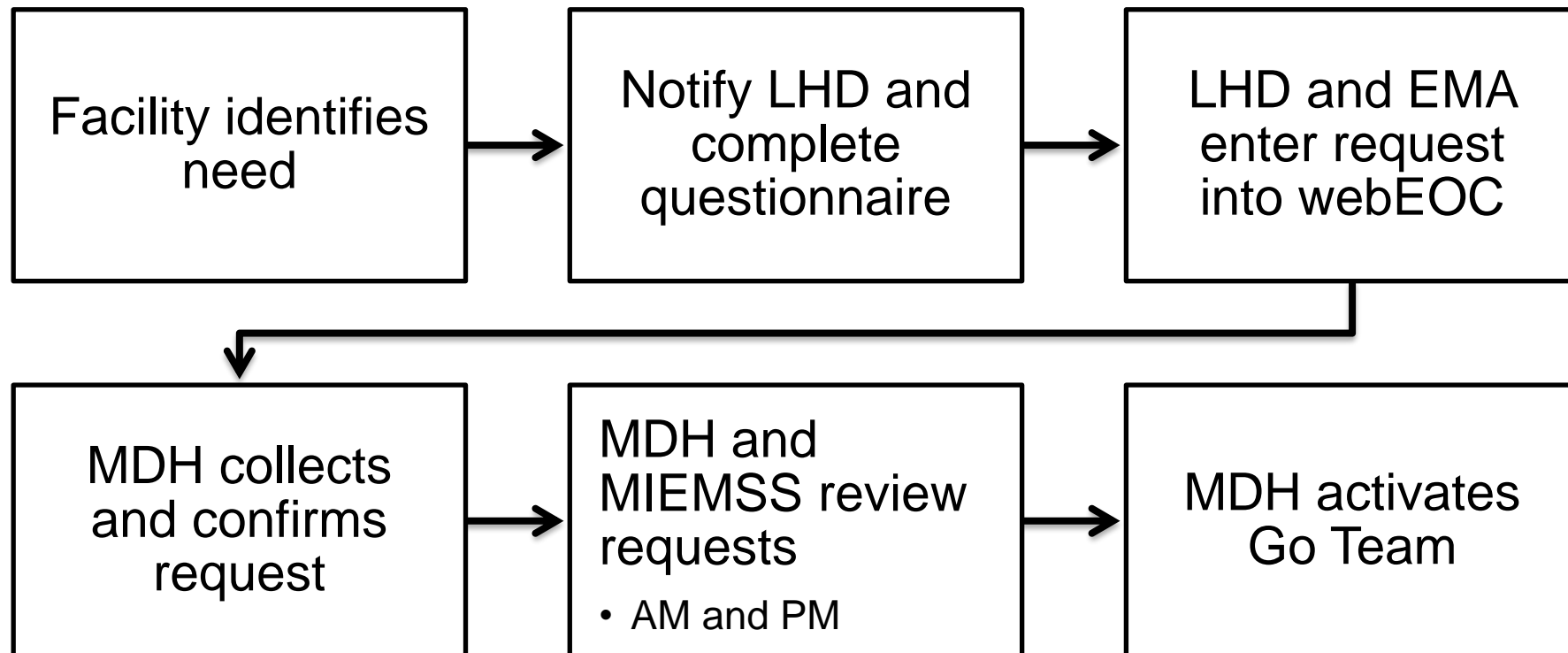
MIEMSS: Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
LHD: local health department
EMA: emergency management agency

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Questions?

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