



Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary

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Agenda



- **Opening Remarks**
- **Federal Programs Updates**
- **Programs Updates**
- **Operations Updates**

Maryland Technology First Anniversary



If you were unable to attend, you can still view the recorded event here:

[VIEW HERE](#)



DSP Recognition Awards



Nominate a DSP Today!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS SEPTEMBER 8

[DOWNLOAD THE NOMINATION FORM HERE](#)

Questions? Please contact Kim McKay at
kimberly.mckay1@maryland.gov or 410-767-3654.



Federal Programs Updates

Policy, FAQs and Services Webpage

DDA Policy Update

- The DDA is happy to announce that the following policy has been published in PolicyStat:

[Housing Support Services](#)

- To find initial draft policies, along with a summary of stakeholder input and final track change policies, please visit the [DDA Policy Stakeholder Input Archive webpage](#).
- If you have questions, contact the DDA Federal Programs Policy Lead, Danielle Coles at Danielle.Coles1@maryland.gov.

DDA Policy Input Needed

- The DDA is seeking public input on the following proposed policy posted to the DDA's Policy Stakeholder Input webpage:

[Nursing Support Services](#)

- You can access the proposed policies here: [DDA Policy Stakeholder Input Dedicated webpage.](#)
- Public comments will be accepted through **September 8, 2023.**
- Please submit comments electronically to wfb.dda@maryland.gov.

Respite Care Services Policy Update

- The DDA updated the Respite Care Services policy to remove barriers for people who choose to receive respite from someone who lives with them but is not the primary caregiver:
 - Respite is short-term care intended to give families or other caregivers and the person receiving services a break from their daily routines and caregiving responsibilities.
 - An individual who lives with the person may provide paid respite services as long as they are not the individual who normally provides care for the person.
- [Respite Care Services Policy](#)

Frequently Asked Questions Update

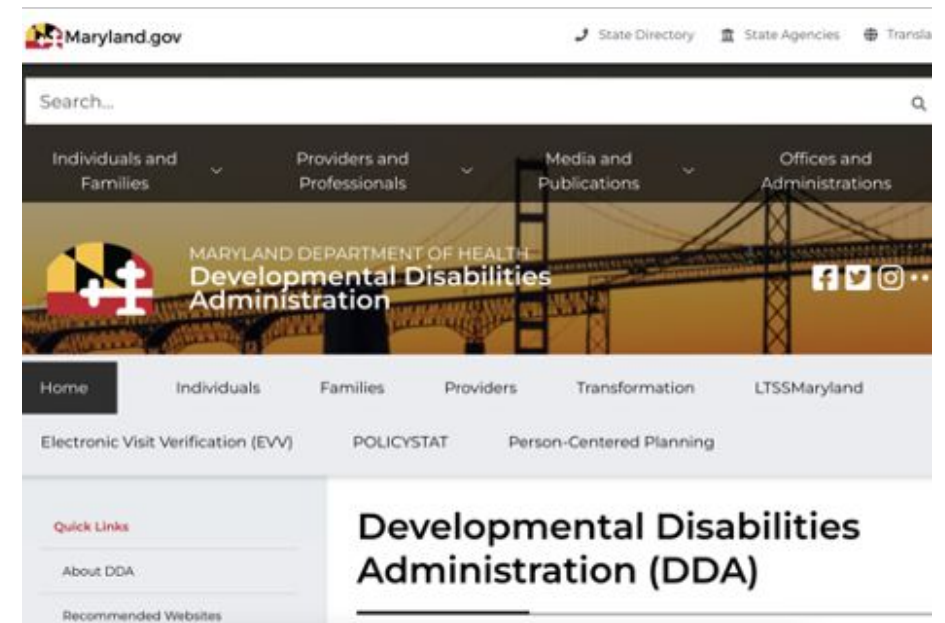
- On August 21, 2023, the DDA's Frequently Asked Questions were updated based on questions related to:
 - [Policy on Reportable Incidents and Investigations July 27, 2023 Webinar.](#)
- To view the updates visit the Frequently Asked Questions on the [Latest DDA Updates](#) webpage.
- [DDA Frequently Asked Questions - August 21, 2023](#)

DDA Website

- We are currently working on making our website more user-friendly and person-centered.
- We want to improve the site in these ways:
 - Updated information.
 - Clear navigation.
 - Increase accessibility.
 - Easy ability to search for what you want to see.

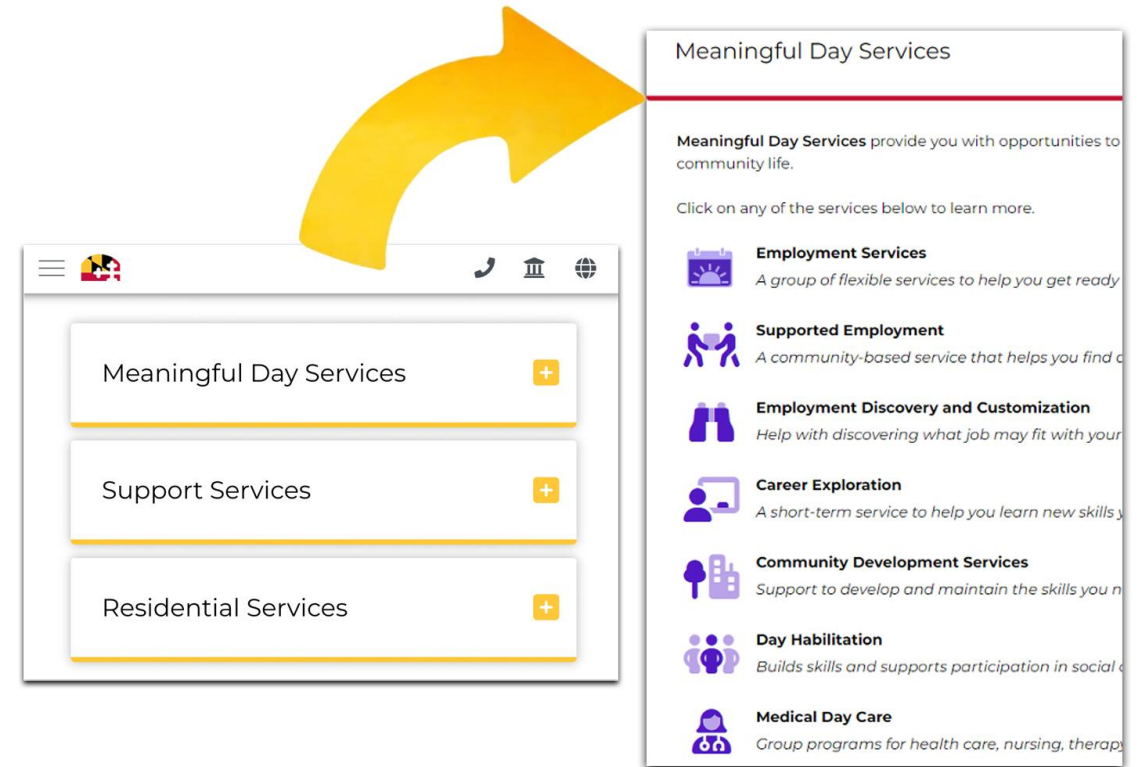
Have requests or questions about the site?

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DDA New Services Webpage

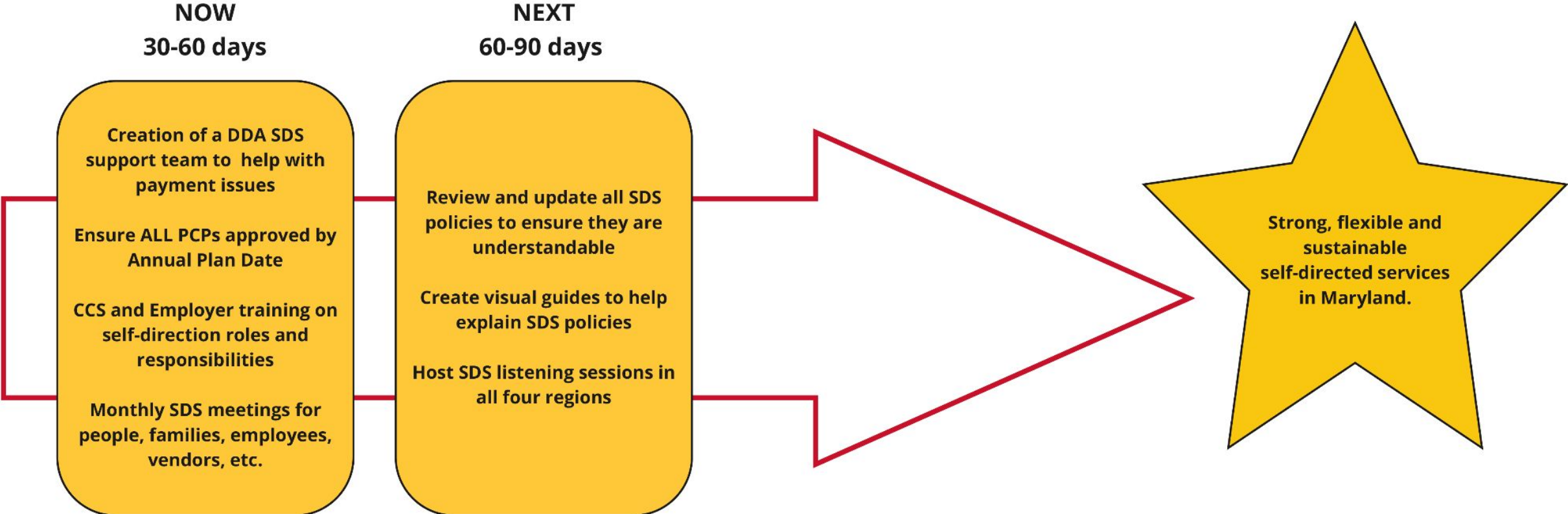
- View the updated [Services webpage](#).
- Provides an overview of:
 - Service categories.
 - Service models.
- Each service category provides:
 - The list of available services with descriptions.
 - Service descriptions that match the [DDA's Guide to Services](#)



Programs Updates

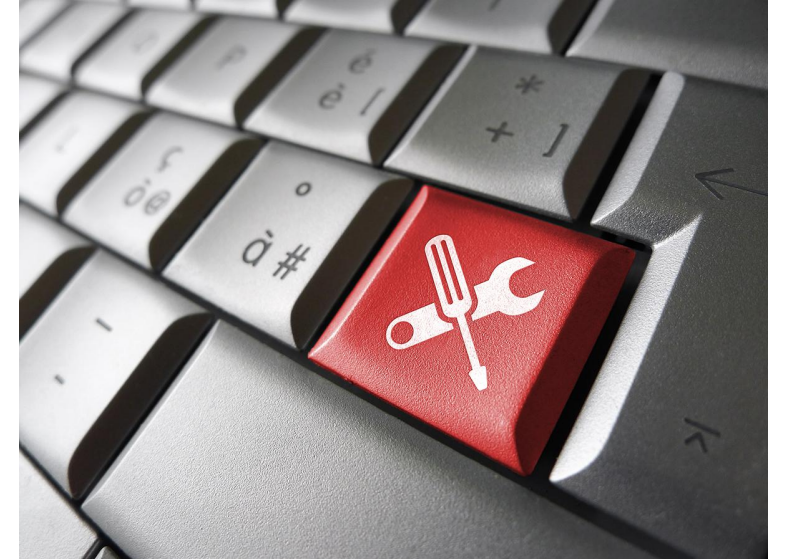
**Self-directed service updates, LTSS transition updates,
EVV Respite reminder and PORII**

Self-Directed Services (SDS)



LTSS Transition

- 50% “all-in” as of September 1, 2023
- 65% “all-in” by January 2024
- All providers have chosen a go-live date
- Early Adopter Group (EAG) Technical Assistance can be requested [here](#)



EVV Respite Reminder

Under the DDA's **Traditional Service Model**, effective **October 1, 2023**:

- **Respite Care - 15-minute** services will become a service billed through **EVV**.
- Respite Care - daily services and camp are not required for EVV.

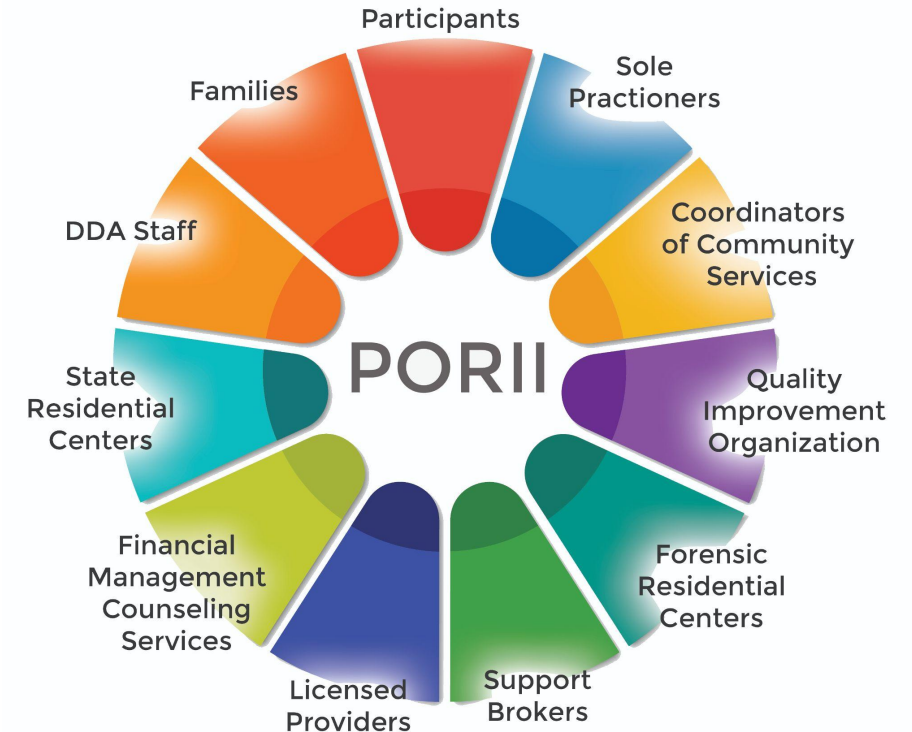
Resource: [LTSSMaryland EVV Mobile App Introduction](#)

Policy on Reportable Incidents and Investigations (PORII)

Incident Reporting and Plan of Correction Training

- [PORII: Person and Family Training](#)
- [General PORII Training](#)
- [Plans of Correction](#)

Updates to PORII policy workgroup



Operations Update

FY2022 and FY2023 Financial Statements Reminder
Cost Detail Tool

Audited Financial Statements

- Required for Providers billing in LTSS*Maryland*.
- Needed for FY2022 and FY2023, and annually moving forward.
 - Due no later than (NLT) **December 31, 2023**, and annually following the close of the fiscal year NLT December 31 of the respective year. (FY2024 audited financial statements are due December 31, 2024.)
- Please submit your financial statements to dda.providerdata@maryland.gov. If you have questions, reach out to Nick Gabor at nicholas.gabor@maryland.gov.

Cost Detail Tool

- The revised version of the Cost Detail Tool for FY 2024 will be available soon.
- Please contact nicholas.gabor@maryland.gov for any technical issues or your regional fiscal representatives for all other inquiries.

Upcoming Monthly Webinars

To register for Monthly Webinars with Deputy Secretary Bernie Simons:

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

Next webinar: September 29, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Questions

