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MEMORANDUM

To: Waiver Participants
Coordinators of Community Services
Personal Supports Providers
Support Brokers
Fiscal Management Service Providers

From: Steven R. Schuh, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Financing and Medicaid Director
Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary, Developmental Disabilities Administration

Date: March 4, 2022

Subject: Personal Supports - Overnight Support Policy

NOTE: Please ensure appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

Effective March 1, 2022, the provision of overnight supports will be a component of personal supports, when appropriate, under certain Medicaid 1915(c) home and community-based waiver programs -- specifically, Community Pathways, Community Supports, and Family Supports. Waiver participants' assessed needs must demonstrate there is a behavioral or medical risk that requires overnight supports, and this information must be documented in the participant's current person-centered plan and approved Nursing Care Plan and/or Behavior Plan.

Personal supports is a covered service under each of the aforementioned Medicaid waiver programs. Personal supports provides habilitative services to assist individuals who live in their own or family homes with acquiring, building, or maintaining the skills necessary to maximize their personal independence in their communities.

The Developmental Disabilities Administration updated its personal supports policy to include the provision of overnight supports, when appropriate, based on a participant's assessed need(s). Waiver participants should work with their Coordinator of Community Services to request overnight supports via the person-centered planning process.

Questions related to this policy may be submitted to Rhonda Workman, DDA Director of Federal Programs and Integrity, at rhonda.workma@maryland.gov or Alisa D. Jones, Chief, Division of Community Long Term Care, at alisa.jones@maryland.gov.

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