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*Overview of DDS Appendix K for DDS Qualified Providers
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As an interim measure in response to the Governor's recent declaration of a public health emergency as the result of the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in collaboration with the Department of Social Services is temporarily waiving certain requirements for waiver services. The waiving of these requirements is time limited and covers the period from March 16, 2020 until DDS provides further notice.

This approval does not add additional funding to the DDS FY2020 appropriations. Additional services will be approved within available funding.

Waiver - Temporary Flexibility

- Permits exceptions to background checks for self-directed service providers. Fiscal Intermediaries (FI) will be given direction on how to address.
- Pays self-directed workers during member hospitalization related with COVID-19 for up to 30 days.
- Extends required College of Direct Support (CDS) training time frame from 90 to 180 days. FI's will be informed of this.
- Add Meals on Wheels as a service for individuals in their own home. DDS is developing a rate to implement this in case of an emergency. More details to follow.
- Permits legal guardians to provide waiver services. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis for emergency circumstances. Requests to access this option must be submitted to the SD Director in your region.
- Permits retainer payments for all residential and day programs to ensure continuous operations.
- Waives current 30-day respite limitation.
- Waives the in-person requirement for LON and IP. These can be conducted over the phone or electronic face to face.
- Human Right Committee meetings have been suspended until further notice. Documentation for Human Rights approval is still required and should be prepared in anticipation of COVID-19 ending.

Waiver Services that have been amended during the COVID-19 Event

- Provide Individualized Home Support in a group, telephonic, or via electronic face to face. This allows a provider to provide services to more than one person at a time. Interim rates have been developed:

Number of Individuals	Agency Per Hour Cost
1	\$34.00
2	\$39.04
3	\$43.15

- Increase bed capacity for Continuous Residential Services temporarily if necessary. This will be authorized by the Commissioner or designee in an emergency.
- Provide Behavioral Supports telephonic or via an electronic face to face system, if appropriate and documented. This waives the in-person requirement.
- Provide Group Day Support (DSO) 1 to1, in the home, telephonic or via electronic face to face system. This waives the group and in-person requirement.
- Provide Group Supported Employment (GSE) in a larger group, in the home, telephonic, or via electronic face to face system. This waives the small group and in-person requirement.
- Provide Individualized Day Support (IDN) in the home, telephonic or via electronic face to face system. This waives the in-person requirement.
- Provide Individualized Home Support (IHS) in a group, telephonic, or via electronic face to face. This allows a provider to provide services to more than one person at a time. Interim rates have been developed and will be posted on the DDS Website.
- Provide Individualized Supported Employment (SEI) in the home, telephonic or via electronic face to face system.
- Provide Personal supports telephonic or via electronic face to face system only if the person can perform tasks with verbal prompts or cues such as household chores, laundry, cooking, etc.
- Provide Prevocational in the home in a 1 to 1 setting. This waives the group and facility-based requirement.
- Provide Senior Supports via electronic face to face system. This waives the in-person requirement.
- Provide Transitional Employment services in the home or via electronic face to face system. This waives the in-person requirement.
- Permit payment for Individualized Home Supports, Personal Supports, or Individualized Day Support rendered by legally responsible individuals such as guardians. This is only with prior approval after all other resources have been exhausted.