



COVID-19 DDA Services

Temporary changes, effective March 13, 2020, and Revised March 14, 2022

Provider Funding Flexibilities

- Add COVID-19 retainer payments when services that are typically available are not able to be offered due to COVID-19
 - Increased rate for supporting people who have positive determination for COVID-19 and are required to be isolated *(Ends on June 30, 2022)*
 - Small Business Administration (SBA) payroll loans and traditional loans may be available to reduce prolonged service disruption
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- **Retainer Payments** *(Ends on December 31, 2021 for Community Living-Group Home and June 30, 2022 for all others)*
 - Retainer payments are available for select services to reduce the impact of service settings closing or participation disruptions due to COVID-19
 - Retainer rates are available for traditional and self-directed services
 - Below are services eligible for COVID-19 related retainer days, the number of eligible days, and any service specific qualifiers:

Service	Traditional Service Delivery	LTSS Maryland Billing
Career Exploration	Up to 30 days at 80% rate	Up to 180 hours at 80% rate
Community Development Services	Up to 30 days at 80% rate	Up to 180 hours at 80% rate
Community Living- Group Home	Up to 60 days at 100% rate	Up to 60 days at 100% rate
Day Habilitation	Up to 30 days at 80% rate	Up to 180 hours at 80% rate
Employment Services	Up to 30 days at 80% rate	Up to 180 hours at 80% rate
Personal Supports	Up to 120 hours at 100% rate, within authorized limit	Up to 120 hours, within authorized limit
Personal Supports - Enhanced	Up to 120 hours at 100% rate, within authorized limit	Up to 120 hours, within authorized limit
Supported Employment	Up to 30 days at 80% rate	Up to 180 hours at 80% rate
Supported Living	Up to 30 days at 100% rate	Up to 60 days at 100% rate

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Isolation Rates (Ends June 30, 2022)

- The DDA will temporarily increase service rates in select services in instances where a positive determination of COVID-19 has been identified and the person must be isolated
- Rates may be increased up to 50% the standard rate
- Services eligible for the temporary rates are: Community Living - Group Home, Supported Living, Shared Living, Personal Supports, and Nursing Services (e.g. Nurse Health Case Management & Delegation Services, Nurse Consultation, and Nurse Health Case Management)

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan

- Providers are encouraged to explore opportunities to stabilize revenues and operating costs
- The SBA has opened the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to all qualifying businesses:
 - Available to all businesses under 500 employees
 - Funds can be used for payroll costs, interest or mortgages, rent or utilities
 - Payroll costs covered up to \$100,000 per employee
 - Fully forgiven if staffing maintained during loan period
- For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

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