



# Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) Updates

**Bernard Simons, DDA Deputy Secretary**

**September 29, 2023**



# Agenda

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



# DSP Recognition

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**Direct Support Staff,  
We Thank You!**

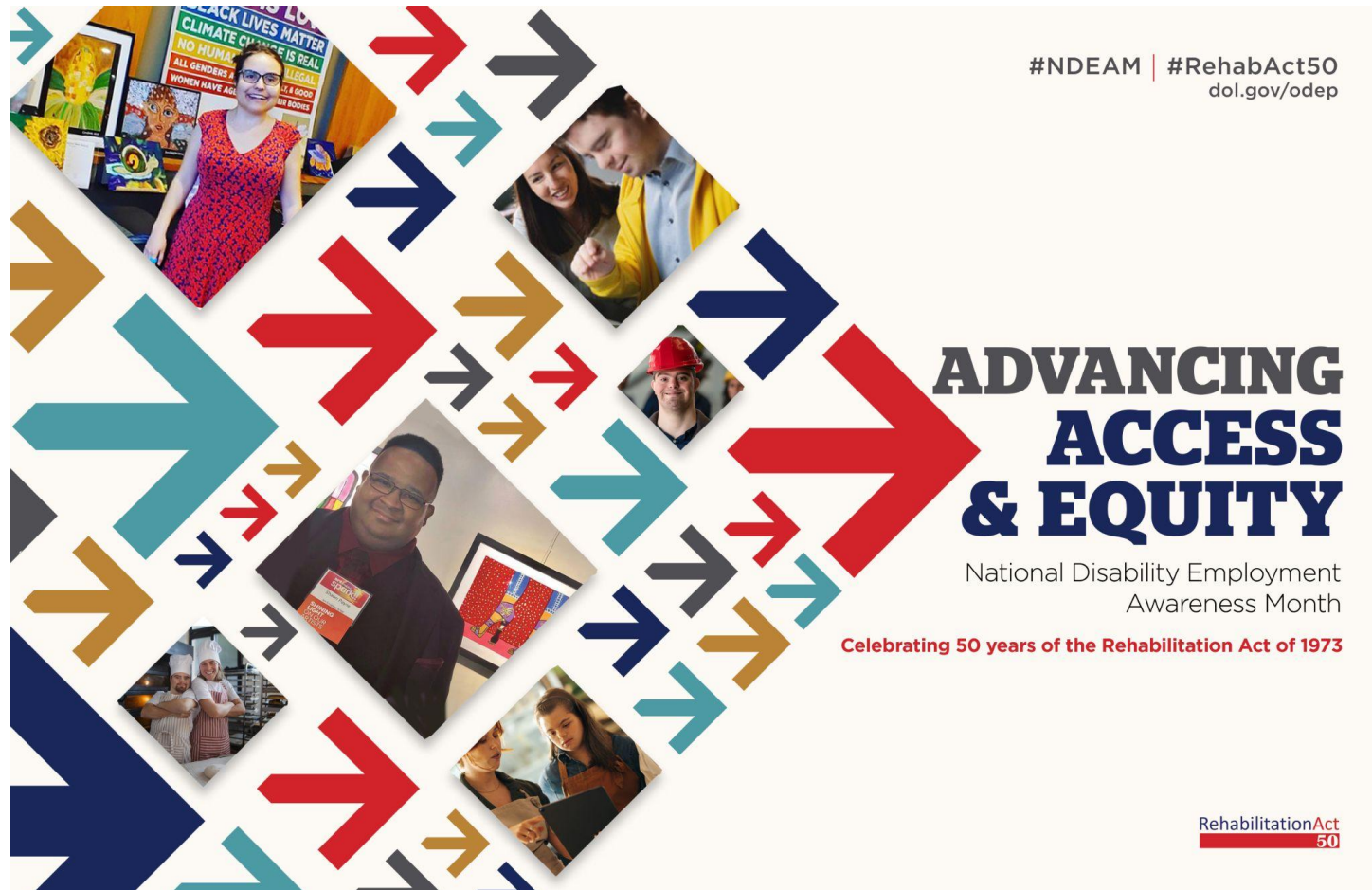
# Plain Language Training

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DDA and the DD Council have  
partnered to deliver  
“Let’s Say It Simply:  
Plain Language”



# National Disability Employment Awareness Month



This year's theme is  
“Advancing Access  
and Equity.”

For more information,

[click here](#)



# October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month

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According to the CDC, about 6,000 babies are born in the United States each year with Down syndrome, making it the most common chromosomal condition associated with intellectual disabilities.



For more information [click here](#)

## *Federal Programs Updates*

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### **Policy and Redeterminations Reminder**

# DDA Policy Input Needed

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- The DDA is seeking public input on the following proposed policy posted to the DDA's Policy Stakeholder Input webpage:
  - [Behavioral Support Services](#)
- You can access the proposed policies here:  
[DDA Policy Stakeholder Input Dedicated webpage](#)
- Public comments will be accepted through  
**September 29, 2023**
- Please submit comments electronically to  
[wfb.dda@maryland.gov](mailto:wfb.dda@maryland.gov)





# Medicaid Check-In — Redeterminations

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- Look out for communication from the Maryland Department of Human Services and respond within the required timeframe.
- People with Redetermination Due Dates scheduled for **August, September, and October 2023:**
  - If a redetermination application was submitted it will be processed.
  - **If a redetermination application *was not submitted*, the redetermination was moved to **November 2023**.**



For more information, visit the [Maryland Medicaid Check-in Website](#).

## *Programs Updates*

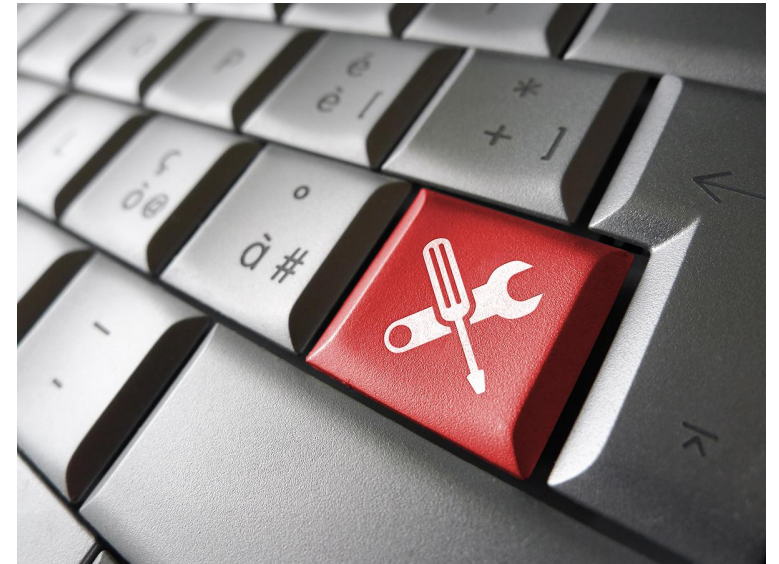
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**LTSS transition updates, PCP enhancement updates,  
EVV respite reminder, Health and PORII updates**

# LTSS Transition

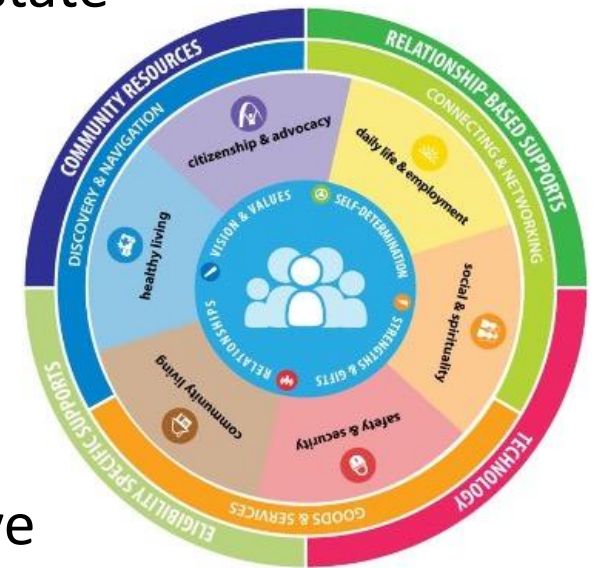
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- 52% “all-in” as of October 1, 2023
- 63% “all-in” by January 2024
- WMRO will be 100% transitioned as of October 1, 2023!
- Early Adopter Group (EAG) Technical Assistance can be requested [here](#)



# Person-Centered Plan (PCP) Enhancements

- PCP Enhancement Committee has been meeting regularly since May 2023
- Committee consists of various stakeholders from across the state including:
  - Self-advocates
  - Family members
  - Coordinator of Community Services
  - Provider agencies
  - Community partners
- Working to finalize PCP template recommendations and move towards reviewing system revisions in the coming months



# Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) – Respite Reminder

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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\*\*](#)

# Health and Incident Reporting Updates

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- Breast cancer screenings save lives!
- Make an appointment for a clinical breast exam and/or mammogram today!
- For more information visit the [CDC Breast Cancer Awareness](#) webpage.

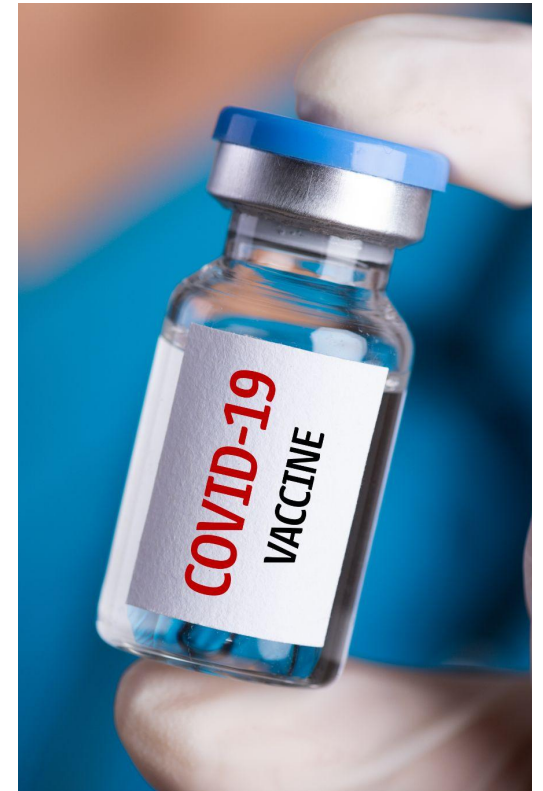


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## Seasonal viruses are upon us!

- Everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated every season, especially people at higher risk.
- Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will be available this month.
- Remember – COVID-19 is a reportable disease, as are other communicable diseases defined by the Maryland Department of Health.
- If you are over 60 or pregnant, ask your doctor about a new RSV vaccine.



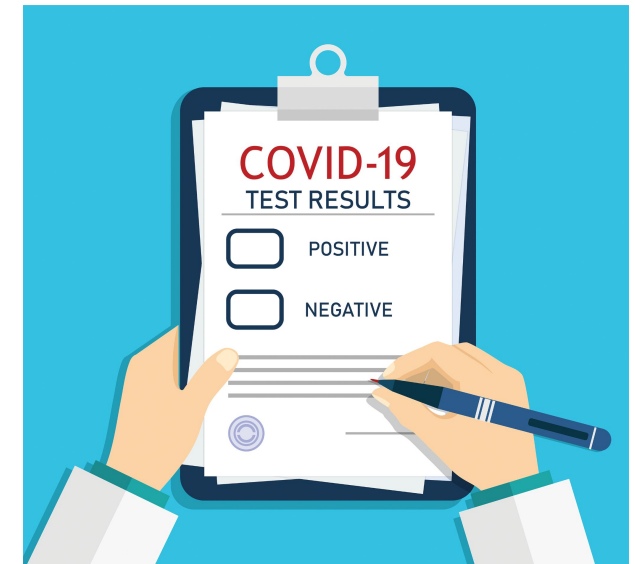
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**For reporting COVID-19 per the Policy on Reportable Incidents and Investigations, please use the following guidelines:**

- Two or more cases of positive COVID-19 in people or staff members within 10 days in the same setting.
- Report incident reports for people in PCIS2.
- Notify your DDA Regional Office Quality Enhancement team via email for staff reports.

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact your regional office Quality Enhancement team.





## *Operations Update*

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**FY2022 and FY2023 Financial Statements Reminder**  
**FY2024 Rates with Brick Components**

# Audited Financial Statements

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- **Required for Providers billing in LTSS*Maryland*.**
- Needed for FY2022 and FY2023, and annually moving forward.
  - FY2022 Audited Financial Statements are due **September 30th!**
  - FY2023 are due no later than (NLT) **December 31, 2023**, and annually following the close of the fiscal year NLT December 31 of the respective year.

Please submit your financial statements to [dda.providerdata@maryland.gov](mailto:dda.providerdata@maryland.gov).

If you have questions, reach out to Nick Gabor at [nicholas.gabor@maryland.gov](mailto:nicholas.gabor@maryland.gov).

# FY2024 Rates with Brick Components

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- The FY2024 Rates with Brick Components have been posted to the DDA website and can be downloaded [here](#).



If you have any questions, please reach out to the Rate Review Advisory Group email at [rrag.dda@maryland.gov](mailto:rrag.dda@maryland.gov).

# Upcoming Monthly Webinars

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To register for Monthly Webinars with Deputy Secretary Bernie Simons:

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

**Next webinar:** October 27, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

# Questions

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