



MEMORANDUM

To: DDA Participants and Families, Service Providers, and CCS Agencies
From: Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary *Bernard Simons*
Developmental Disabilities Administration
Subject: Preliminary Update on the DDA's Transformation and Transition to LTSSMaryland
Date: June 15, 2020

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) has received questions about our transformation timeline, including the transition to LTSSMaryland and I am writing to provide a brief update. While the current COVID-19 crisis has led to timeline changes for the transformation, the DDA is committed to doing business efficiently, effectively and professionally by strengthening the community and enhancing our service delivery across the state. The DDA remains steadfast in fulfilling its mission and transforming its policies and funding processes to create a flexible, person-centered, family-oriented system of supports so people can have full lives.

The delay in the DDA's transformation, including the implementation of LTSSMaryland, has allowed the DDA to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and support people with developmental disabilities and their direct support staff to be healthy and safe at home. I am proud of the support that DDA stakeholders have provided people during this challenging time, and I thank you.

I recognize that this delay in the DDA's transformation has led to some uncertainty. In the coming months, DDA will be working on how the transition will proceed while using both IT systems - PCIS2 and LTSS Maryland. DDA will be issuing a series of communications, including user-friendly At-A-Glance documents, detailed policy and guidance, live webinars, and training. The first At-A-Glance document, Update on DDA's Transformation, is attached.

We appreciate your partnership and hope you are staying healthy and safe.

