

Points for Consideration – Appendix K

The template and approved Appendix K documents can be found here:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/hcbs/appendix-k/index.html>

People on the Wait List: People on the waiting list (known to the DD system) determined eligible for services shall be allowed to receive waiver services and supports from licensed and certified providers if they lose access to natural caregivers throughout the state of emergency and until their caregiver is able to resume provision of natural supports.

Service Definition Limits: Service definition limitations on the number of people served in each licensed or certified home may be exceeded. Shift nursing may be provided as a discrete service to ensure participant health and safety needs can be met.

Respite: Extend limits on hours and expenses to support families.

Service Limits: Extend limits on hours and expense of all services to support people's needs. Expand nursing services.

Settings: Expand where each service can be provided. Day services can be provided in residential settings and private homes, for example. Ensure services can be provided in a hospital if someone is hospitalized due to COVID-19 and that providers get paid.

Expansion of DSP: Permit payment for services rendered by family members, neighbors, and other trusted adults if not already permitted under the waiver. Relatives and legally responsible individuals must receive training on the participant's PCP for whom they are rendering these services. Training on the PCP must consist of basic health and safety support needs for that participant.

Modify Provider Qualifications: To allow for redeployment of direct support and clinical staff to needed service settings during the emergency, staff qualified under any service definition in the waiver may be used for provision of any non-professional services under service definition. Address CMT certifications - They should be allowed to continue to work if their certification lapses, for 90 days past the end of the State of Emergency. Address training - in order to continue to work, any Direct Support Professional who has incomplete or abbreviated training will complete full training requirements no later than 120 days following the end of the State of Emergency.

Modify Licensure Requirements: Allow the maximum number of people in a service location to be exceeded to address staffing shortages. Allow the staff ratios to be exceeded to address staffing shortages. Suspend the requirement to provide majority of services in the community.

Payment to Providers: Temporarily increase payment rates and ensure providers are paid based on the number of people served prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Provide for supplemental payments for costs related to COVID-19. Allow for hazard pay when DSP work directly with someone suspected of or diagnosed with the coronavirus.

Changes to Case Management: Allow for remote monitoring and virtual PCP meetings or allow suspension of PCP meetings during the state of emergency. Ensure all service authorizations approved prior to state of emergency stay in place.

Changes to Incident Monitoring

Allow approval of any changes to plans, services, etc. be allowed by email