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COVID-19 Response-Memo #6

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To: All DDS Waiver Providers and Stakeholders:



As we all grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to communicate the most recent response plans that impact recipients of DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver and Medically Fragile Waiver and Stakeholders:

1. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/>
2. DDS Training Frequently Asked Questions Attached
3. Family Living Home Studies: Family Living Home Studies can be conducted telephonically at this Time. Once the emergency declaration has ended, please perform an on-site Home Study.
4. Environmental Modifications are considered essential services and may continue to be completed. Please observe infection control and social distancing. Please make every effort to schedule upcoming into the far future.
5. At this time, the HSD 100 form still needs to be completed as there has not been an extension granted yet. The document must be completed electronically or mailed in.
6. Case Managers should make every effort to conduct telephonic Annual/IDT team meetings.
7. The New Mexico Human Services Department is allowing the use of currently approved LOC assessments on file to fulfill the annual LOC requirement for impacted waiver participants for the duration of the emergency.

Lastly, should stakeholders have specific questions, concerns, and/or scenarios, contact your Regional Director. The situation is fluid and will evolve. Guidance will be provided accordingly.