

Funding for Staffing of State General Fund (SGF) and DD Waiver Participants During Hospital or Nursing Home Admissions During COVID-19

A memo was sent to all DDW Providers July 17, 2019 advising them of the availability of non-Waiver funding via the DDSB Bureau of Behavioral Support when a participant who is receiving State General Funded services or is on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) is admitted into the hospital (or to a nursing home for rehabilitation). During a hospitalization and separation from an individual's normal routine, their need for ongoing support from their support team does **NOT** stop. For example, many persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) do not communicate easily with unfamiliar listeners and may not have the level of understanding necessary to consent or comply with uncomfortable or painful procedures. In addition, family and friends may be unable to accompany them for support or reassurance while hospitalized or in a nursing home for rehabilitation.

With the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Human Services Department (HSD) and DDSB developed Appendix K, which addresses emergency preparedness and response for 1915 c Home and Community Based Services Waivers (DD, Mi Via and Medically Fragile.) DDSB has obtained approval through CMS to allow for payment of DDW services for the purpose of supporting waiver participants in an acute care hospital or short-term institutional stay when necessary supports are not available in that setting during this emergency. The payments may only be made for up to 29 consecutive days.

With the Public Health Orders issued by Secretary Kunkel to limit visiting at hospitals and nursing facilities in New Mexico, many of these institutions may NOT support the use of sitters that come from outside of the facility. We have provided a list of links to visitation policies during the COVID-19 pandemic for many hospitals in New Mexico for your convenience if someone you support needs this type of care. Please be advised that the DDSB Bureau of Behavioral Support (BBS) also has some limited funding available for sitters (or individual-specific training for hospital/nursing home/rehabilitation employees) for SGF participants when the treatment facility or the person's family or friends are unable to support them.

Hospital	Region	Website	Visitor Policy
Memorial Medical Center	SW	https://www.mmclc.org/	https://www.mmclc.org/patients-and-visitors/visiting-hours
Mountain View Regional	SW	https://www.mountainviewregional.com/	https://www.mountainviewregional.com/patients-visitors
Lovelace	Multiple	http://lovelace.com/	http://lovelace.com/patient-and-visitor-information
Presbyterian	Multiple	https://presbyterian-hospital.phs.org/Pages/default.aspx	https://presbyterian-hospital.phs.org/visiting/hours-policies/Pages/default.aspx
ENM Medical Center	SE	https://www.enmmc.com/	(575) 622-8170

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San Juan Regional Medical Center	NW	https://www.sanjuanregional.com/	https://www.sanjuanregional.com/flu-season-visitation
UNM Hospital	Metro	https://hsc.unm.edu/health/locations/unm-hospital.html	505-272-2111
Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center	SW	https://www.gcrmc.org/	https://www.gcrmc.org/new-visitor-hours-policy/
VA Hospital	Metro	https://www.albuquerque.va.gov/	505-265-1711
Mimbres Memorial Hospital	SW	http://www.mimbresmemorial.com/Mimbres-Memorial-Hospital/Home.aspx	http://www.mimbresmemorial.com/mimbres-memorial-hospital/visitors
Gila Regional Medical Center	SW	https://www.grmc.org/	https://www.grmc.org/Patients-Visitors.aspx
Christus St. Vincent	NE	https://www.christushealth.org/st-vincent?utm_source=organic&utm_medium=local-listing&utm_campaign=website	https://www.christushealth.org/st-vincent/about/news/visitor-restrictions
Artesia General	SE	https://artesiageneral.com/	575-748-3333

To receive technical assistance on how to request potential funding to support the staffing needs of the patient with I/DD while they are in the hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center, please inform the individual's guardian, SGF or DDW agency personnel to contact BBS staff during regular business hours:

Metro	(Bernalillo, Sandoval, Tarrant, Valencia counties)	caroline.chavez@state.nm.us
Northeast	(Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, Union counties)	sabrinaA.james@state.nm.us
Northwest	(Cibola, McKinley, San Juan counties)	ryan.trujillo@state.nm.us
Southeast	(Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Guadalupe, Roosevelt, Quay counties)	george.vigil1@state.nm.us
Southwest	(Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra, Socorro counties)	david.chavez3@state.nm.us