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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #10

From: Jason Cornwell, Acting DOH Deputy Secretary
To: All DDSD Waiver Providers and Stakeholders:



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

1. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/>
2. Should I be Tested? <https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/>
3. Test Portal: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>
4. HSD Portal Page: <https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/covid.htm>
5. The Role of the Direct Support Professional and the Coronavirus:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGtoSRVS0go1khNDI_F07_CMJtp55aG4I&mc_cid=55834a9d23&mc_eid=24188fe9ad
6. Attached is the Governor's Executive Order 2020-022 renewing the State of the Public Health Emergency Declared in Executive Order 2020-004, Other Powers Invoked in that Order, and All Other Orders and Directives Contained in Executive Orders Tied to the Public Health Emergency.
7. Attached is the Department of Health Cabinet Secretary's Public Health Emergency Order Clarifying that Current Guidance Documents, Advisories, and Emergency Public Health Orders Remain in Effect; and Amending the March 23, 2020 Public Health Emergency Order Closing All Businesses and Non-Profit Entities Except for those Deemed Essential and Providing Additional Restrictions on Mass Gatherings Due to COVID-19. The Public Health Emergency Order is extended through April 30, 2020.
8. Reminder that all ISP/SSP meetings/transition meetings must be held electronically or telephonically. All actual, physical move dates should be scheduled to occur after April 30, 2020 or until after the Governor's Public Health Order is lifted. If you have a health and safety situation that may require a move prior to April 30, 2020, please contact your Regional Director.
9. Attached is the re-issue of the DDSD Guidance for the Management of COVID-19 in New Mexico HCBS Residential Settings. This is being re-issued to remain in line with the extended Public Health Emergency Order issued by NM Department of Health Secretary Kathyleen Kunkel.
10. Attached is Mi Via Waiver Guidance regarding Customized Community Group Supports (CCGS), Community Direct Support (CDS) and Employment Supports Services. If you have questions

regarding this document, please contact Jennifer Rodriguez, Community Programs Bureau Chief at Jennifer.rodriguez@state.nm.us

11. Attached is State General Fund COVID 19 Reporting Instructions. If you have questions regarding this document, please contact Juanita Salas, Program Manager at Juanita.salas@state.nm.us
12. Attached is an Assistive Technology memo that provides guidance on how to access additional AT funds during the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency. If you have questions regarding this document, please contact Marie Velasco, DD Waiver Program Manager at Marie.velasco@state.nm.us
13. Attached is Version 2 of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document regarding Retainer Payments for Customized Community Supports (CCS) and Community Integrated Employment. If you have questions regarding this document, please contact Casey Stone-Romero, Community Inclusion Manager at casey.stone-romero@state.nm.us
14. Attached is the Special COVID – 19 Supplement #1: Fingerprinting Guidance from the Human Services Department. Effective April 1, 2020 the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) issued joint guidance with the Department of Health (DOH), the Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD), and the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) outlining flexibility for fingerprinting requirements for the duration of the declaration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE).
15. Attached is the Special COVID – 19 Supplement #2: Medicaid Coverage of COVID-19 Testing for All Uninsured issued by the Human Services Department. This directive is a reminder to health care providers, including laboratories, hospitals, and other entities that are performing specimen collection or laboratory testing for COVID-19, that charging cost-sharing for diagnostic testing and related testing services is not allowed for New Mexico patients. No health insurance plan in New Mexico may charge patient co-pays, deductibles or coinsurance for COVID-19 diagnostic testing services; and no test site or lab may bill any New Mexico patient for any portion of the cost of testing for COVID-19.
16. Attached are three resource documents from the Human Services Department regarding Medicaid Coverage.

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