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DDSD COVID-19 Response Memo #17



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. DDSD COVID-19 testing for individuals receiving DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, and SGF services through May 20th, 2020:

	Total Tests	Positive Tests	COVID 19 Related Deaths
DD Waiver	184	10	4
Mi Via Waiver	1	1	0
State General Fund	4	0	0
Totals	189	11	4

2. Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and Department of Health Secretary Kathy Kunkel, announced that New Mexico's Emergency Public Health Order, set to expire May 15th, 2020 has been extended through May 31st, 2020. Attached is Executive Order 2020-30 signed by the Governor as well as the May 15th, 2020 amended Public Health Emergency Order signed by Secretary Kunkel.
3. DDSD has convened a committee to address issues related to re-opening services. The committee is chaired by Marc Kolman, DDSD Deputy Director, and Jennifer Rodriguez, Community Programs Bureau Chief and is tasked with the responsibility of developing recommendations to allow the resumption of programs and services administered by DDSD including the DD Waiver, Mi Via Waiver, Medically Fragile Waiver, State General Fund, and Family Infant Toddler services. Recommendations developed by the committee will need to consider risk factors of COVID-19 while respecting individual choice and honoring person-centered services.

The committee will work with our external stakeholders in the development of the recommendations. In addition, the committee is receiving consultation and recommendations from the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). HSRI is a national organization researching guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control as well as researching COVID-19 re-opening best practices in other states. The committee will consider all recommendations from HSRI and our external stakeholders in the development of strategies to thoughtfully and safely re-open services in New Mexico.

4. DDSD is providing additional billing clarification related to Mi Via Waiver services. If you have questions regarding the clarifications below please contact Jennifer Rodriguez, Community Programs Bureau Chief at jennifer.rodriguez@state.nm.us
 - The services must be approved in the current budget.
 - The participant or EOR, working with the provider, will determine the retainer payment hours to be billed for no longer than 5 consecutive days.
 - The employee must enter time, at the agreed upon retainer payment hours in FoCOSonline in which the retainer payment will be accessed. Vendors will submit a PRF with the agreed retainer payment hours. “Retainer Payment” must be noted under service description.
 - The participant or EOR must still approve time in FoCOSonline or approve the PRF as usual according to the payroll schedule and processes.
 - When billing for telehealth services, “Telehealth” must be noted under the service description on the PRF form.
5. Resource Website: <https://nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/diro/ddcv/>
6. Should I be Tested? <https://cv.nmhealth.org/should-i-get-tested/>
7. Test Portal: <https://cvresults.nmhealth.org/>
8. HSD Portal Page: <https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/static/covid.htm>
9. New Mexico Crisis Line 855-NMCRISIS **1-855-662-7474**.
10. New Mexico Healthcare Worker and First Responder Support Line **1-855-507-5509**.



Lastly, should stakeholders have specific questions, concerns, and/or scenarios, please contact your Regional Director. The COVID 19 situation is fluid and will evolve; additional guidance will be provided accordingly.