

To: AWMD Trainers and Agency Administrators

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The continual increase of COVID positive results and exposures by direct support professionals (DSP), in some cases, has made it difficult to complete the AWMD on-the-job training (OJT) skills demonstration within the required 30 days. DDS will be extending the OJT an additional 30 days, only in cases when COVID positive results and exposures by DSP would interfere with the timely completion. Once the DSP returns to active work duty, they must complete the OJT before assisting with medication delivery. Under no circumstances may the DSP assist with medication delivery without first completing the OJT.

Just a reminder: Assisting with Medication Delivery (AWMD) courses (two day and recertification) are available through live stream and recorded versions on the New Mexico Waiver Training Hub.

AWMD now has two parts for each module type:

Participants need to be entered on two rosters (AWMD Part 1 and AWMD Part 2; P&P and OJT) in order to be AWMD certified. If participants are using a livestream or recorded course, they need to request AWMD Part 2: P&P and OJT from their agency trainer. Agency trainers are responsible for training AWMD Part 2: P&P and OJT to all AWMD Part 1 participants.

Agencies will need to train on their specific policies & procedures, as well as ensure completion of employees OJT skills demonstration within 30 days (unless the aforementioned COVID exception applies) following Part 1 AWMD, in order to adhere to the AWMD module introduction and trainer guide. If you are a trainer and would like to include livestream capacity to your training certification, contact your regional trainer coordinator.

The following trainings are available at <https://ddsctrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx>. These are temporary versions of face-to-face trainings that can be used during the COVID-19 emergency:

- Assisting with Medication Delivery Part 1: - Live Stream
- AWMD Part 2: P&P and OJT (Agency Trainer)

- AWMD Recertification Part 1: Live Stream
- AWMD Recertification Part 2: P&P and OJT (Agency Trainer)

People successfully completing the recorded courses and competency will receive credit, have it placed on their transcripts, and can print or download a certificate of completion.

To meet this requirement, staff must complete the training (live streaming or recorded) and complete the OJT skills demonstration. Again, trainings may not occur face-to-face unless the trainer, AWMD coaches and staff are already working regularly in the individual's home. Trainers and AWMD coaches who do not work in the home will need to complete the on-site skills demonstration remotely.

If a staff has worked for another provider and has been certified in AWMD, they may do crossover training remotely with the new agency as described in the AWMD Module introduction.