

2021 DDW Standards Updates – Therapy specific meeting 11/29/21

Links to documents/resources discussed during this meeting:

Link to Therapy-specific crosswalk document highlighting the changes in 2021 DDW Standards:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1d_wiGk6iFqzVDnIcAoNgi8MI2cF2XPln/view

Links to DDW Standards presentation/documents from 11/15/21:

DDSD page with 2021 Standards Workshop slides, recording, Q&A, and changes/transition period document <https://www.nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/train/ddwtr/>

Master link for 'Training Requirements by Job Classification' page (includes links to online courses and training hub calendar)

<https://www.cdd.unm.edu/cddlearn/ddsd/JobRequirementsByJobClassification.pdf>

Questions/Answers

Q: Reading the Crosswalk that was sent out - Page 7 in the training requirements indicates all current therapists are expected to complete the Intro to Waivers web-based course by 12/1/2021 - This was not in the standards; I do not recall this being part of the original training from DDSD and got to admit that if this was previously announced I missed it. Today is the 29th - do we really expect therapists to complete this training in the next 24 hours?

A: Basically, everyone should do it ASAP - it's a simple 36 min on-line training with a simple acknowledgement of the training as the course evaluation.

- 'Introduction to Waivers' is a DDSD Online Course (listed on same page as ANE, PCP for Therapists, etc. – NOT the Intro to IDD Nursing version) <http://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/ddsd-courses/index.html>

Q: May a CARMP be discontinued if the ARST has changed from "Moderate" to a "LOW risk" result?

A: Yes, it can be. Someone can go from moderate to low, but we suggest that teams collaborate and discuss the reasons for the decreased risk level – is it because the person has the appropriate support, especially with REB, in which case those supports are what is reducing the risk or has the person truly decreased risk level and will maintain that without the CARMP supports?

Q: For client with CARMP in place: Does it need to have a SLP or nurse in the team or not really necessary?? Both SLP or nurse should be in the team?? or We can have just one either nurse or SLP in the team??Guardian sometimes does not want SLP in the team.

A: For an initial CARMP evaluation, SLP, nurse and other disciplines need to do an evaluation. After the Collaborative Aspiration Risk Assessment is completed and the draft CARMP has been completed, the Decision Consultation Process can be used to determine which disciplines need to remain to support the CARMP strategies. A team meeting should be scheduled to allow all initial evaluators and CARMP authors to share details and information about why the specific strategies are included in the document to support the individual's health/safety. Then the individual/Guardian can make an informed decision about *who is needed*. This may be different than *who is wanted* on the team.

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Q: I will be retiring at the end of the ISP year of my clients. how much time should I ask for in the new budget for transfer to new therapist

A: You want to make sure you have enough units for one collaborative visit between the outgoing and incoming therapists. This is the same if the transfer is to another therapist at the same agency or if the transition is to a new therapy provider agency.

Q: For client who is the hospital. Can we have an IDT meeting before Discharge to support that client guardian like choosing either rehab or home or whatever support we can to the supported living? Can we bill that IDT meeting??

A: Yes, the meeting can occur, but you cannot bill for any time during the hospitalization. Billing through DDW at the time the person is in an inpatient setting is not allowed. When the person is discharged, then therapists complete a formal/informal re-assessment, update documents, participate in the follow up IDT, and do updated WDSI/CARMP trainings as needed.

Q: Is it possible to have those Therapy meetings at other times/days? I would love to attend but cannot at the current day and time. Thanks much

A: We have been having our Therapy Consultant virtual office hours at different times and on different days and we will continue to rotate those times to accommodate the different needs of therapists.

Q: So, if a client receives 100% of nutrition via alternative means and no longer truly needs SLP services, can we discharge? I think you kind of answered this, but just checking thank you.

A: Yes, you may d/c. If a person is 100% fed via g-tube, they may still need your services, but it becomes a professional and team decision.

Q: When does the opportunity to provide a hybrid model expire? Is it when the current standards expire?

A: The 'hybrid model' will not expire, as far as we know currently. The 2021 Standards allows for telehealth/remote therapy services. However, the remote/telehealth ONLY option will expire 6 months after the PHE/PHO are rescinded.

Q: Are we required to sign the CARMP on Therap?

A: Completion of the 'signature log' on the CARMP in Therap is not a requirement in the 2021 Standards.

Q: Where do we go to find out if we need to update our training?

A: Your agency can check your training records in the CDD database.

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Q: Is the new AT fillable form available?

A: Yes, both AT Fund forms are available in a fillable PDF format. The forms are available to download at the CSB Therapy Services main page:

<https://www.nmhealth.org/about/ddsd/pgsv/clinical/therapy/>

- General AT Fund Application and Instructions (Fillable)
<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/general/4028/>
- Budget Based AT Fund Application and Instructions (Fillable)
<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/form/4512/>
- **NOTE:** As of 12/1/2021 all ATF requests need to be turned in using the new form. If an old form is submitted after 12/1/21, an RFI will be sent by the OR.

Q: I could not fill the new AT form

A: Please contact one of the therapy consultants for technical assistance.

Q: What is the CM in-person date?

A: Jan 1, 2022, is the date that DDSD has established for CMs to resume in-person services.

Please feel free to contact one of the Therapy Consultants if you have any other questions related to 2021 DDW Standards Updates (or other therapy-related questions/concerns):

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