
Appendix K (COVID-19): Assistive Technology through Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW): Updated: 7-15-2020

With the Appendix K amendment and approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the maximum allowed amount for Assistive Technology (AT) funds during the Public Health Emergency is \$500.00.

Guidance:

1. For guidance please follow the DDS COVID-19 Response Memo #10.
2. AT requests related to Appendix K (COVID-19) provisions for DDW can continue to be requested until **September 30, 2020**.
3. Individuals whose ISP terms renew during this time frame (4-1-2020 to 9-30-2020) cannot access the expanded benefit in two-consecutive ISP years.
Request for Appendix K (COVID-19) AT of \$500 is a onetime occurrence.

Reminders:

1. AT revisions due to COVID-19 should not be submitted as Imminent.
2. AT Revisions due to COVID should not be submitted as a retroactive request unless also meeting current criteria for a retroactive revision request.
3. The requested amount must include the 10% processing fee and may not exceed a total of \$500.00.
4. In addition to the current required clinical criteria, the requestor must indicate the rationale for using this device for telehealth sessions related to the COVID-19 crisis.
5. Case Managers must note "COVID-19 AT REQUEST" on the OR cover sheet.
6. AT devices available for purchase include computers, laptops, tablets and accompanying accessories for the individual to better utilize the AT device. Such accessories may include cables, mounts, speakers, monitors, covers, risers, stands, etc.
7. General AT Fund requests made for children and Jackson Class Members (if desired) are to be submitted directly to the TPA. Jackson Class Members are allowed to use either Budget Based AT or General AT fund. However, as of July 1, 2020 DDS does not have a General AT fund fiscal agent. JCMs are, therefore, advised to use Budget Based AT for any kind of AT request - telehealth or other.