



Developmental Disabilities Administration Appendix K Unwinding Webinar

April 21, 2023



Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- DDA's Appendix K Ending
- Flexibilities Made Permanent
- Next Steps

DDA Appendix K Flexibilities Ending

Funding and retainer payments:

- Meaningful Day, Personal Supports, and Residential* retainer payments
- Increased rate (isolation).
- Residential day time shared service hours.*
- Suspension of the minimum number of hours of Meaningful Day services to be provided during a single day. A provider may bill for the entire day in PCIS2 only if they provide the person with, at minimum, three hours of cumulative supports.

Hiring and training requirements:

- Waiving all but essential training.
- Policy on Reportable Incidents and Investigations (PORII) training provided in an expedited format.
- Sharing staff among providers.
- CPR and First Aid exceptions.
- Suspension of MANDT® training
- Waiver of high school or GED requirement.*
- Annual training requirement extension for DSPs who have previously completed all training requirements (less than 18 months ago).
- Hiring relatives and legally responsible individuals.*

Service Flexibilities:

- Services provided any day of the week* and exceed eight hours a day* and 40 hours per week within the person's authorized budget.

Staff ratios:

- Staffing ratios (exceed maximum).
- Staffing ratios -- 1:1 and 2:1 exceptions.

Self-Direction:

- Budget Modifications without prior authorization.*
- Support Broker
 - Provided up to 20 hours per month.*
 - Paid to provide other waiver services.

Note: Flexibilities noted with an (*) will have some service-level exceptions through DDA's Waiver programs

Flexibilities Made Permanent

- Residential retainer payment.
- Residential day time shared service hours.
- Meaningful day services can be provided any day of the week.
- Employment Service On-going Job Support hours per day.
- Waiver of high school or GED requirement.
- Hiring relatives and legally responsible individuals.
- Budget modifications.

Note: Please refer to the approved waivers and DDA's guidance for additional information and requirements.

Flexibilities Made Permanent - Hire Relatives and Legally Responsible Individuals

People self-directing services and providers can continue to retain and hire relatives and legally responsible individuals under the following direct support services:

Service	Hire Relatives	Hire Legally Responsible Individuals
Community Development Services	Yes	Yes
Employment Services	Yes	Yes*
Live-in Caregiver Supports	Sibling*	No
Nursing Support Services	Yes	Yes
Participant Ed, Training & Advocacy	Yes*	Yes*
Personal Supports	Yes	Yes
Respite Care Services	Yes	Yes*
Shared Living	Yes*	Yes*
Support Broker Services	Yes	Yes*
Supported Living	Yes	No
Transportation	Yes	Yes*

Note: * indicates flexibility added to the waiver renewal.

Flexibilities Made Permanent - High School or GED Requirement

High School/GED Requirement Removed in Waiver Renewals Proposals	
Community Development Services	Community Living - Group Home
Employment Services	Personal Supports
Shared Living	Support Broker
Supported Employment	Supported Living
Transportation	

Flexibilities Made Permanent - Service Flexibilities

- The DDA's waiver renewal includes:
 - The option to receive all Meaningful Day services any day of the week.
 - Employment Service On-going Job Support can be provided more than eight hours a day and 40 work hours a week to support overtime opportunities for people.

For Your Information - Training and Retainer Payments

Annual Training

- Certifications/Training completed prior to July 1, 2023, regardless of modality, are good until they expire.

Retainer Payment

- Appendix K retainer payments require compliance with meeting the Appendix K federal guardrails.
- Community Pathways waiver residential retainer days (18 per calendar year) do not need to meet the App K guardrails.

For Your Information - Training Matrix

- DDA's *DRAFT* Training Matrix is broken down into the following categories:
 - Required trainings broken down by audience.
 - Competency-based skills/knowledge.
 - Resources.
 - Rule and Policy Authority.
- Will be released by June 1, 2023.
- Thank you for the collaboration!

For Your Information - PORII Training

- Effective July 1, 2023, a DDA-developed PORII training will be available for providers to use. This is just a resource, it will not be required.
- At a minimum, provider staff should know how to identify and report incidents per the PORII policy.
- DDA will also have a PORII training geared towards people and families.

For Your Information - Self Direction Services

Self-Directed Budget Modification Flexibilities

Staff Related Cost:

- Increase and decrease of staff wages or vendor/provider rates.
- Addition, increase, decrease, or deletion of employee-related expenses.
- Tax adjustments.
- Changing the use of a vendor or provider to hiring a staff.
- Funding allocation for back-up staff.

Service Related:

- Increase camp up to maximum limit.
- Moving funds associated with Meaningful Day and Personal Supports services.

Note: Modifications must be within the current approved budget.
Please refer to additional DDA guidance and requirements.

Next Steps

- The DDA will be sharing regular communications reminders regarding the unwinding of the Appendix K flexibilities.
- The DDA will also be sharing additional information regarding the waiver renewals.
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