

NURSING SERVICES At a Glance



COVID-19 DDA Services

Temporary changes, effective March 13, 2020, and Revised March 14, 2022

Nursing Services

- Nurse Consultation (self-direction only)
- Nurse Health Case Management Services (traditional model only)
- Case Management and Delegation Services

Service Delivery Flexibilities

 May be provided over the phone, or by Skype, Zoom, Facetime, etc. to allow services to continue to be provided remotely

Staffing Flexibilities

- The following people may provide this service during the emergency:
 - Nursing agencies approved by the Department's Division of Nursing Services (Ends on June 30, 2022)
 - Individuals that meet criteria noted in the March 12, 2020 Executive Order "Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time <u>Requirements</u>"
 - May be rendered by licensed relatives or legally responsible individuals (including spouses and parents of minorchildren) (Ends on June 30, 2022)
- Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, the Maryland Board of Nursing has issued guidance, which, among other things, permits:
 - Registered Nurses, as well as temporary exception for Licensed Practical Nurse, to delegate nursing tasks to unlicensed individuals in accordance with COMAR 10.27.11; and
 - The delegating nurse to conduct the required assessment of the person every 60 days, instead of every 45 days, during the State of Emergency (applies to Nurse Case Management and Delegation services)

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Service Authorization Flexibilities

- Initial Nursing Services may be provided without prior authorization by the DDA (Ends on June 30, 2022)
- Increases to Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services needed as a result of the change in the person's health status or after the person's discharge from a hospital or skilled nursing facility can be provided without prior authorization by the DDA (Ends on June 30, 2022)

Rates (Ends on June 30, 2022)

- Increased rate for supporting people with positive COVID-19 determination and are required to be isolated
- Providers must maintain documentation for positive COVID-19 determination and submit upon request
- DDA will share guidance on documentation and billing

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