

# Especially for Individuals and Families Using Medicaid, DD and CCC Plus Waivers July 6, 2021 Update

## **NEW and CHANGING**

## Adult Dental

Adults with Medicaid have access to a comprehensive dental benefit as of July 1, 2021. Ask your dentist to participate. View details of this new benefit <u>here</u>: https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/media/3202/member-fact-sheet-on-new-adult-dental-benefit.pdf

Waiver Flexibilities that Remain in Effect - DMAS will provide 60 days notice prior to a change.

Allow legally responsible individuals (parents of children under age 18 and spouses) to provide personal care/personal assistance services for reimbursement. Active

Allow Community Engagement (CE)/Community Coaching (CC) to be provided through telephonic/video-conferencing for individuals who have the technological resources and ability to participate with remote CE/CC staff via virtual platforms,

Allow In-home Support services to be delivered via an electronic method or telehealth of service delivery.

Allow Group Day Services to be provided through video conferencing for individuals who have the technological resources and ability to participate with remote Group Day staff via virtual platforms.

Residential providers are permitted to not comply with the HCBS settings requirement.

**Case Management - Developmental Disability Waivers Flexibility Change** Face-to-Face visits required effective July 1, 2021.

### **Developmental Disability Waiver Application Revised Forms**

Updates have been made to the wording on the DD Waiver Wait List forms that include more detailed instructions effective July 1, 2021. There are no changes to the processes. Find the forms <u>here https://tinyurl.com/4ne2sr6y</u>.

#### **Developmental Disability Services and Reimbursement Rates**

To view the reimbursment rates effective July 1, 2021 for DD Waiver services click <u>here</u>. <u>https://tinyurl.com/43zfvatp</u>

### **New Developmental Disability Waivers**

Virginia is working to submit the request for approval of the new DD Waivers to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). Pending CMS approval, there will be 95 Community Living Waivers and 890 Family and Individual Services Waivers for July 2021-June 2022. For Emergency situations there will be 15 Community Living and 10 Family and Individual Services Waivers.

If you are on the DD Waiver Waiting List, contact your local Community Services Board to make sure your waiver application is current. Do you know "What to Do While You Wait?" Click to <u>view</u>. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=valseJnS6pQ

## Consumer Directed Services Pay Rate - January 1, 2022

The hourly rate of pay for attendants providing consumer directed personal care, respite and companion services will increase on January 1, 2022. The Northern VA rate will be \$15.30 and the rest of the state will be \$11.81.

If you have other questions please submit them to info@thearcofva.org