



DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

HCBS PROVIDER TRAINING UPDATE AND DIFFERENTIAL ADJUSTED PAYMENT (DAP) OPPORTUNITY

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors Operating one or more of the following settings:

- Assisted Living Facilities
- DDD Group Homes
- DDD Adult and Child Developmental Homes
- Adult Day Health Facilities
- DDD Day Treatment and Training Programs
- DDD Center-Based Employment Programs
- DDD Group-Supported Employment Programs

Transmittal Date - 03/23/2021

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided states an additional year to demonstrate compliance with the [HCBS Rules](#). **All impacted providers must comply with the HCBS Rules by March 2023 otherwise they will not be allowed to provide Medicaid services thereafter.** AHCCCS understands these are challenging times for a provider to prioritize compliance with the HCBS rules; however it is imperative that we begin the quality monitoring process to assess compliance so providers have ample time to obtain technical assistance and demonstrate compliance prior to March 2023. Therefore, AHCCCS is resuming training for providers.

HCBS Rules Assessments Reimagined in a COVID-19 World

The session is designed to provide a refresher on the HCBS Rules and to orient providers to changes in the quality monitoring process and tools used to assess compliance.

The session has been recorded without an audience and posted to the AHCCCS webpage (www.azahcccs.gov/HCBS).

AHCCCS strongly encourages all impacted providers to review the recorded session in preparing for the future training sessions and quality monitoring visits.

HCBS Rules Implementation in a COVID-19 World

This is the first training installment of AHCCCS' sessions consisting of four setting specific tracks. These tracks represent each unique setting type utilizing a peer-to-peer, provider-to-provider approach to share and discuss specific person-centered practices that align with the HCBS Rules.

Each session will be facilitated by AHCCCS, but is intended to serve as an open dialogue in which providers who have real world experiences can share about changing business practices they employed to align with specific person-centered practices required by the HCBS Rules.

AHCCCS has scheduled the first setting specific training sessions in March and April 2021. Registration is now open.

- [DDD Day Programs - March 29 @ 11:00 a.m.](#)
- [DDD Employment Programs - March 30 @ 2:00 p.m.](#)
- [Adult Day Health Facilities - March 31 @ 10:00 a.m.](#)
- [Assisted Living Facilities - April 1 @ 1:00 p.m.](#)
- [DDD Group Homes and Developmental Homes - April 2 @ 11:30 a.m.](#)

Providers should only attend sessions that are applicable to the settings in which they provide services. The discussion will center around the following two questions:

1. Relative to the HCBS areas of involving members in the community, individualizing, member choice and Integrating your settings with the community, what practices and activities did you have to curtail in order to assure member health and safety? What innovative practices and activities did you use to replace them?
2. Using these three HCBS rule areas, would you share some examples of your plans to either return to where you were pre-COVID-19 or your plans for increasing your organization's alignment with the intent of the HCBS Rules after the COVID-19 risk is minimized?

Providers who meet the following criteria by **April 15, 2021** may be considered to receive an increased percentage to their current rate for HCBS services during the period of October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022.

- Must have attended and/or attest to viewing one track of the Part Four of the HCBS Provider Training
- [HCBS Rules Provider Training Attestation](#)

It is important to note, the attestation is required whether you attend or view the sessions online. Completed attestations should be sent to HCBS@azahcccs.gov.

Please note – Funding for DAP rate increases is subject to the appropriation of State funds and State budget constraints. Federal funding for DAP rate increases is contingent upon federal approval. Therefore, all decisions or considerations included in this notice are subject to the availability of funds and federal approval.