



DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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DDD GROWTH UPDATE - APRIL 11, 2025

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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As described in the [DDD Growth Update - 3/28](#) and [DDD Growth Update - 4/4](#) vendor announcements, the most urgent budget need for the DDD program is securing supplemental funding for FY2025. In addition to a bill introduced earlier in the legislative session, two more bills were introduced this week to address the FY2025 supplemental funding need. While the latest bills are not perfect, they represent a good sign that there is intent to provide this funding in the near future. The next step is for all parties to engage in negotiations on the various proposals and work collaboratively toward reaching an agreement that will allow a bill to be passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

The Division recognizes the uncertainty surrounding the timing of this funding is a significant concern for all Qualified Vendors, as well as the members and families that we serve. To support Qualified Vendors during this period, the Division has implemented a new process for vendors with agency-specific concerns or time-sensitive decisions related to their continued ability to provide services. Vendors are encouraged to email the [DDD Customer Service Center - Provider Relations Unit](#) with specific questions or concerns. Inquiries will receive a response within two business days, and the Division's CARES Administration Bureau Chief will oversee responses to these inquiries. If needed, we will also coordinate individual meetings with your agency.

As a reminder, this week also marks the first week the new claims payment process will go into effect. As described in the [March 10 Vendor Announcement](#), the Division is changing claims payment processing to weekend batches to allow for system capacity, streamlining efficiency, and cash flow management. Please review the announcement for additional details.

The Division recognizes the unprecedented nature of the current budget situation and the challenges it presents. We sincerely appreciate everything you do and will continue to do to support DDD's mission of empowering Arizonans with developmental disabilities to live self-directed, healthy, and meaningful lives.