"Paycheck Protection Program" and "Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program"

These two programs were created to help small businesses during the COVID-19 response period. Many Ohio DD providers are likely eligible to participate in these relief programs. Informational materials about these two programs have been prepared by OACB, OPRA, and the U.S. House Committee on Small Business. They are linked below:

FAQ: Economic Injury Disaster Loans: Details, qualifications, and application instructions
FAQ: Paycheck Protection Act Loans: Details, qualifications, and application instructions
OPRA Update: Relief Opportunities: Recent OPRA presentation on federal relief sources.
Small Business Guide to the CARES Act: Relief effort overview courtesy of the U.S. Congress

DODD Recent Guidance

Guidance: Single Maximum Spending Amount for Level One Waiver

- This new guidance clarifies the billing concession guidelines distributed March 19 and the service authorization guidance updated March 27. According to the guidance document, the maximum combined dollar amount for services should be treated as the ceiling to how much can be spent—it is not a minimum that must be spent or to which waiver enrollees are automatically entitled. All L1 services must be:
  - Deemed necessary to ensure health and safety;
  - Identified through the person-centered planning process; and
  - Authorized by a county board SSA.

What COVID-19 Means for DSPs

- Reviews multiple topics such as: Behavior Support, Serving Multiple Residents in a Single Home, Initial Onboarding and Training, Having a Meaning Day, and Talking to Individuals about COVID-19

Reporting MUIs and UIs

During this time, it is easy to get caught up in everything that is going on and reporting to the County Board may be missed. DODD has not relaxed MUI and UI requirements. Please make sure that the timelines for MUI reporting is being followed.

Major Unusual Incident or Unusual Incident process
OACB created a "health passport" to assist people served who may have to enter the hospital on their own

Some people with developmental disabilities may have to enter a hospital/emergency room without the assistance of their direct support professional or family member due to COVID-19 protocols. OACB created a one-page (front/back) document that can be completed to share key health information with medical professionals. This "health passport" includes space for basic information about the person, their health status/medical history, and aspects of their developmental disability that would be important for medical professionals to know when considering treatment. This information includes:

- Name and Emergency Contact Information;
- COVID-19 Symptoms and Risk Factors;
- Basic Medical History, Medications, and Allergies;
- Disability-Related Personal Assistance Needs;
- Communication Preferences, Likes, and Dislikes; and
- Do Not Resuscitate/Living Will Declarations

This form is intended as a resource only and is not legally required by the State of Ohio or any local public health agency. Please know that this is only intended as a supportive resource.

Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health has created a COVID-19 Symptom Comparison Chart to assist a person with identifying symptoms of coronavirus with comparisons to symptoms of the flu and common cold. This, too, is only intended as a supportive resource.

Best practices to secure video conference calls and prevent remote meeting disruptions

Video Conferencing has become more of the norm due to the COVID-19 response.

The best practices below have been adapted from an article in PC Magazine by Jill Duffy, How to Prevent Zoom-Bombing, and are specific to Zoom. However, many are applicable to all teleconferencing platforms.

- Use a unique meeting ID for large or public calls (often found in the service's meeting setup settings);
- Require a meeting password or PIN;
- Create a waiting room so the meeting begins only when the host arrives;
- Restrict screen-sharing to hosts only;
- Create an invite-only meeting (Zoom only, paid account required);
- Lock meetings once they begin;
- Disable the mics and/or cameras of disruptive users; and
- Automatically mute new entrants to the meeting
Social Scripts COVID-19 – Thanks to Summit DD

Understanding Coronavirus (COVID-19) – for adults (Social Script)

When I have to stay home – for adults (Social Script)

Washing my hands – for kids (Social Script)

What is coronavirus? – for kids (Social Script)

Additionally, this is a good resource explaining COVID19 in multiple languages that is easy to understand and follow. https://www.mindheart.co/descargables

Please visit our COVID-19 resource page on our website at https://warrencountydd.org/covid-19-wcbdd-resources-and-support

Please visit our Stay At Home resource page at https://warrencountydd.org/sites/default/files/At%20Home%20Resources%203_30.pdf

Please visit the DODD resources page at https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/our-programs/resource-dodd-covid-19-support

If you are in need of PPE Supplies, please contact melissa.stall@warrencountydd.org

If you need staffing assistance, please contact providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org