**WCBD Update 08/28/20**

**Billing Deadline for One-Time Payment to Waiver Providers**

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has requested approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to make a one-time payment to waiver providers of Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC) including On-Site/On-Call (OSOC), Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care (PD-HPC), and Shared Living. If DODD’s request is approved, the amount of each provider’s payment will be calculated as a percentage of the total amount of their HPC, OSOC, PD-HPC, and Shared Living claims that have been received by DODD for dates of service from **March through July 2020** at the time the calculation is made. Approval could be received by CMS as early as next week, therefore it is important that any outstanding billing for the time period of March through July 2020 be submitted by next week’s billing deadline of 12 PM on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Additional information will be shared upon CMS approval of this request.

**UPDATE: The deadline to apply for Phase 2 General Distribution Funding has been extended**

The Department of Health and Human Service has announced that the deadline to apply for Phase 2 of the General Distribution Funding has been extended until September 30, 2020. Providers should continue to check this website for the latest updates.

**County boards agree to continue funding Acuity C rates through the end of September 2020**

County boards of DD have collectively agreed to continue supporting the temporary Acuity C ratio for providers of small-group, in-person Adult Day Services through the end of September. This will continue to be a month to month decision.

**Face masks continue to be required for DSPs working in private residences**

In regards to Governor Mike DeWine’s statewide mask order, there is a provision specifying that masks are not required in private residences. This provision was intended to apply to only to people living in those residences—not professionals such as DSPs who are temporarily present in a home to perform a service. **Masks are required for DSPs.** DODD addresses this in two documents. On page 5 of the [LTSS Pre-surge Guidance](https://www.dds.ohio.gov/Portal/Info/DocLib/LTSS%20Pre%20Surge%20Guidance%20(July%2020%20update).pdf), which remains in effect, DODD lists facial coverings as a requirement for all staff in all service settings. Facial covering requirements are also covered in questions 18 and 19 in DODD's [LTSS Pre-Surge Guidance FAQ document](https://www.dds.ohio.gov/Portal/Info/DocLib/LTSS%20Pre%20Surge%20Guidance%20FAQ%20Document.pdf).

**DRO issues fact sheets on health care access, hospital visitation rights of people with disabilities**

Disability Rights Ohio, the state's designated protection and advocacy organization, has issued two brief fact sheets addressing the health care-related rights of people with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Read DRO’s [Health Care Access Fact Sheet](https://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/content/dro-fact-sheets)
- Read DRO’s [Hospital Visitation Fact Sheet](https://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/content/dro-fact-sheets)

**Virtual Tech:Fest on all things disability technology**

September 1st, 2020
10:00am - 3:00pm Eastern
A one-day Virtual Tech:Fest on all things disability technology. This one day live online event is being organized by the Ohio Clearwater Council of Governments, powered by OSDA, and MC'd by Disability Cocoon.

An Agenda Coming Soon will Feature:

1) some of the newest tech and tech-enabled support models
2) why we must all start incorporating tech in everyday services and supports for people with disabilities
3) possibilities that are enabled with the appropriate application of technologies
4) twelve sessions featuring some cutting edge surprises

Free to Attend * No Registration Required * Zoom Link Coming Soon

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