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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. IN-HOME SUPPORTS IN ID/RD, HASCI, AND CS WAIVERS: ([CLICK HERE](#))

During the COVID-19 crisis, In-Home Supports has been temporarily added as a service to the ID/RD and HASCI Waivers. The service definition and specifications mirror those in the CS Waiver. The service must be self-directed and may be provided in lieu of provider managed services offered through those Waivers (i.e., Personal Care, Respite, Attendant Care, etc.). In addition, using In-Home Supports as a replacement service will require that services be authorized at the currently approved levels.

As part of an effort to allow flexibility for In-Home Support Services during the COVID-19 crisis, two additional options have been added for the service provided in all 3 Waivers:

- Family members not previously covered through the family members providing care policy are allowed to provide the service as long as the waiver participant or a responsible party is available to self-direct the service. This includes the ability for parents of minor children, legal guardians and spouses to be paid to provide the service.
- Qualifications and training can be waived when any family member is providing the service.

II. BATTELLE N95 DECONTAMINATION SYSTEM: ([CLICK HERE](#))

SCEMD and DHEC have partnered to request from FEMA a Battelle Decontamination System. Currently, this system can decontaminate up to 80,000 N95 masks each day. This service is free to all that choose the use it as the State is picking up the cost. It is a great way to help organizations reuse N95 masks during this time of shortage.

III. FAQs BY GUARDIANS ABOUT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: ([CLICK HERE](#))

As events and information about the pandemic evolve, guardians continue to have questions. The National Guardianship Association, National Center for State Courts, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, along with guardianship experts Erica Wood and Naomi Karp, have updated answers and added new topics including safety precautions, protecting medical decisions, and protecting finances.