



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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**SITUATIONAL REPORT DATE: MARCH 30, 2020**

**EVENT: COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**I. HR 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act: [\(Click Here\)](#)**

Please see the linked information regarding this Act and related provider recommendations.

**II. PPE Update:**

County Emergency Managers are taking delivery of PPE from the national stockpile in the next few days. If you have PPE needs, please contact your County Emergency Manager from the list on the DDSN Emergency Management Page. Link-

<https://ddsn.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Provider/Emergency%20Management/S%20County%20Emergency%20Managers%20List.pdf>

If you ordered PPE through your local DHEC/EMD contacts, those orders should begin arriving this week.

**III. Waiver Case Management Limit Exceptions: [\(Click Here\)](#)**

In an effort to streamline administrative processes during the COVID-19 outbreak, the process for requesting Waiver Case Management in excess of 40 units per calendar quarter has changed.

**IV. Medicaid Eligibility Extensions:**

The Family First Coronavirus Response Act, enacted on March 20, 2020, provides provisions for coverage of testing for COVID-19 for uninsured individuals, as well as eligibility protections for the duration of the emergency.

Effective immediately, for beneficiaries eligible for SC Medicaid in any payment category, eligibility is protected. The expiration date for the Act is not known at this time. The Act will affect the manner in which waiver terminations are processed.

**This Act may affect Waiver dis-enrollments. Please forward all waiver dis-enrollment forms to the appropriate waiver coordinator prior to taking any steps toward dis-enrollment (i.e., updating Plans, terminating authorizations, etc.). After review, the waiver coordinator will instruct you how to proceed with dis-enrollment.**

**V. Interim Procedure for Day Program Licensing:**

All Day Service locations licensed by DDSN with licenses expiring in March, April or May, 2020, will have their licenses adjusted with an expiration date of June 30, 2020. As we continue to work through issues associated with COVID-19, we will adjust this process, as necessary.

**VI. ANE Reporting**

All allegations of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation for residents of a DDSN residential setting must continue to be reported to the SLED Vulnerable Adult Investigations Unit (VAIU). This process has not changed. Based on the information provided, SLED may not vet the allegation to Law Enforcement for investigation. They may take the report "For Information Only" or they may simply enter information into their phone log without issuing an Intake Form. That is not unique to the COVID-19 response, but like everyone else, SLED, the Ombudsman, and Local Law Enforcement are dealing with staffing challenges and telework, so they are prioritizing cases.

The DDSN ANE reporting process has not changed. Providers still need to follow the ANE process and complete an internal Administrative Review, even for cases that SLED does not vet. That review can be quick, but providers must follow the process. That will include placing the staff on Administrative Leave without pay, but if the Administrative Review finds no misconduct, the provider can return the staff at that time, based on your agency's policies. If you are having difficulty completing the administrative review due to COVID-19, (quarantine or other issues), please contact [qualitymanagement@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:qualitymanagement@ddsn.sc.gov) and we will work with you on timelines.

**VII. Day Program Topics: [\(Click Here\)](#)**

Several providers have asked about a variety of day program topics. Please see the linked information regarding day programs.

**VIII. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Recovery Rebate Checks: [\(Click Here\)](#)**

All U.S. residents or citizens with adjusted gross income under \$75,000 (\$112,500 for head of household and \$150,000 married), who are not the dependent of another taxpayer and have a work-eligible Social Security Number, are eligible for recovery rebate checks. To learn about the impact on our providers, please see the linked information.

**IX. Provider Skype Meeting:**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020 @ 2:00pm**  
**Link and Call-in information below:**

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Join by phone

[+18035671681](#) (Dial-in Number)

Conference ID: 412785663