



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. DDSN COVID-19 UPDATE

Slides from the DDSN State Director Report for the DSN Commission Meeting of July 16, 2020 are provided for your information. Statistics as well as preventions and response measures are included. [https://ddsn.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/files/COVID-19%20Data%20as%20of%207-14-20%20\(003\).pdf](https://ddsn.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/files/COVID-19%20Data%20as%20of%207-14-20%20(003).pdf)

II. Provider Relief Fund Extension:

The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid providers deadline has been changed from July 20, 2020, to August 3, 2020. See link: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/providers/index.html#:~:text=Medicaid%20and%20CHIP%20Application%20Deadline%3A%20August%203%2C%202020&text=Before%20you%20apply%3A,Medicaid%20Provider%20Distribution%20Instructions%20%2D%20PDF>

III. HELPLINE TO RELIEVE COVID-19 STRESS

The South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH), in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), has launched a statewide support line for individuals in need of mental health or substance use services in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The support line, which can be reached 24/7, statewide, toll-free, at **1 (844) SC-HOPES (724-6737)**, will connect callers to trained clinicians who can address their specific needs.

Here is a link to the Department of Mental Health's COVID-19 Resources. There are specific resources for clinicians and health care workers listed. <https://scdmh.net/welcome/covid-19-resources/>

In addition, this is a guide for disaster responders to deal with the stress of facing a crisis situation every day. <https://scdmh.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/TipsforFirstResponders.pdf>

IV. SCDHHS EI BULLETIN REGARDING ADDITIONAL COVID-19 FLEXIBILITIES

On July 9, 2020, SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) issued a Medicaid Alert - "Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Temporary Telephonic and Telehealth Services Updates." Guidance regarding Curriculum Based Assessments, IFSP extensions and 6-month/annual FSP completion can be found in this alert. Click [here](#) for additional information.

V. MEDICAID UPDATE: CMS ISSUES LETTER DELAYING THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE HCBS SETTINGS REQUIREMENTS

On July 14, 2020, CMS extended the deadline for states to comply with the Home and Community-Based Settings (HCBS) Regulation to March 17, 2023. Additionally, other deadlines established in March 2019 guidance were also extended. That means the following:

- Information on settings that have the effect of isolating (Category 3) that are found to be in compliance by July 1, 2021, must be submitted to CMS by October 31, 2021, but will not be subject to review by CMS;
- Information on settings that have the effect of isolating (Category 3) that are not found to be compliant by July 1, 2021, but can be compliant by the end of the transition period (now March 17, 2023) must be submitted to CMS by October 31, 2021, and will be subject to review by CMS;
- Information on settings on the grounds of or adjacent to an institution (Category 2) that are or will be compliant by end of the transition period must be submitted by March 31, 2021 and will be subject to review by CMS;

This notice can be accessed at [Home and Community-Based Settings Regulation – Implementation Timeline Extension and Revised Frequently Asked Questions State Medicaid Director Letter](#).

Please note that these are the extended deadlines issued by CMS. At this time, the state has not fully considered the newly issued timelines and considered what statewide deadlines may be needed to ensure the state will be compliant by the March 17, 2023 deadline. A future memorandum will address these new statewide deadlines.

VI. UPDATED SCEMD HURRICANE PLAN

The SC Emergency Management Division has updated the 2020 SC Hurricane Plan to cover new COVID-19 concerns. Please update this in your disaster plans. Use this link to access the Plan: <https://www.scmd.org/stay-informed/publications/hurricane-guide/>.

VII. CDC PARTNER UPDATE CALL REGISTRATION

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is conducting a weekly partner call for updates on the COVID-19 response, including new resources for the private sector and the general public and the latest scientific information everyone should know about protecting themselves and others. In addition, the guidance related to the use of [testing strategies in non-healthcare workplaces](#) and other workplace safety information will be shared. Afterwards, CDC experts will answer questions from the audience.

To join the webinar, please register using this link:

https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_D46n_twcTvSfvNFRi4JBaw .

The CDC encourages submitting your questions in advance. Please email eocevent337@cdc.gov with "Partner Call 7/20" in the subject line.

The call will be recorded and posted on [CDC's website](#). Previous Partner Update webinars can be accessed [here](#).

VIII. PROTECTING OLDER ADULTS AGAINST COVID-19 RELATED SCAMS AND OBTAINING RELIEF FROM FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Older adults are frequently targeted by individuals promoting fake vaccines, COVID-19 cures, bogus stimulus payments, and other fraudulent schemes and scams. Most scams go unreported and older adults may lose a significant amount of income and assets. This webcast will provide an overview of the frauds and scams aimed at older adults, discuss legal protections, and provide resources to aid older adults defrauded by the individuals and businesses that promote these scams.

When: Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. PT/2:00 p.m. ET.

Register at:

[https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7785929216938771979?source=salsa&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=36dd05e7-3ecc-4fcb-aff7-21fa6ab3d172.](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7785929216938771979?source=salsa&eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=36dd05e7-3ecc-4fcb-aff7-21fa6ab3d172)