



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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**SITUATIONAL REPORT NO. 19 DATE: MAY 1, 2020**  
**EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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## **I. DAY SERVICES SKYPE MEETING FOLLOW-UP:**

DDSN has received questions about the ability to bill day program services for weekend days in DSAL. At this time, the provision of day services on the weekend is not prohibited. Although DSAL automatically lists Saturday and Sunday as absences, users are able to report for these dates by simply changing the person's status to present. Providers are reminded that services must fall within the authorized weekly amount.

## **II. INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR REOPENING DAY PROGRAMS:**

In anticipation of measures to reopen aspects of our operations (to include but not limited to Day Program settings) the [CDC](#), [DHEC](#) and [Department of Commerce](#) have issued guidance to aide businesses and employers. DDSN recognizes that agencies are awaiting guidance. As the governor and local municipalities rescind orders and/or ordinances limiting mass gatherings, DDSN will share information as it becomes available. In addition, we will be part of a national call for state agencies discussing the subject of opening up the day programs in the near future (date is still TBD). We will then schedule a Skype meeting with day providers to talk about ways the reopening of day programs can move forward.

## **II. DHEC RESOURCES: [\(Click Here\)](#)**

The SC Department of Health and Environmental Control has posted several COVID-19 resources, including infographic posters, which may be of assistance to providers. Click the link above to access this information.

## **III. REPORT ON RECOVERED CASES FROM THOSE CONFIRMED/TESTED:**

We are happy to report that of the 22 positive COVID-19 cases in community residences statewide, 17 consumers have recovered or are well along the way to recovery. We can't thank our direct support professionals enough for their efforts during this pandemic!

## **IV. APRIL 30, 2020 DHHS EI GUIDANCE:**

On April 30, 2020, SC DHHS provided clarification for all Baby Net Part C Providers regarding Telehealth and COVID-19. This guidance addressed telemedicine and face-to-face visits, the IFSP, new patient evaluations, IFSP extensions and foreign language interpreters. ([Click Here](#))

DDSN has previously provided guidance regarding the Family Service Plan (FSP) and Curriculum Based Assessment (CBA) which allows the FSP and CBA to be completed by phone and/or by telehealth during extenuating circumstances such as the current public health emergency. EIs may choose to either complete the FSP/CBA by phone or telehealth or to extend the FSP/CBA for 90 days in lieu of completing a new FSP/CBA. EI should use their professional judgement in consultation with the family to determine which best meets the needs of the child/family.

**V. SPECIAL CALLED COMMISSION MEETING:**

A special called virtual meeting of the DDSN Commission will be conducted on Friday, May 8, 2020 at 10:00 am. A formal meeting announcement and agenda will be sent next week prior to the meeting.