

UPDATE

MAY 1, 2020



IMPORTANT FAMILY/CLIENT UPDATE

LIVE Q&A With Moms In Motion!!!



Moms In Motion will be hosting a *Zoom* call for our families on **Tuesday, May 5, 2020 from 12pm until 12:30pm**. *This call is open to all of the families we serve.*

- If you have questions about how any of the COVID changes affect your Medicaid Waiver services, please send them by 9am on 5/5 to Feedback@MomsInMotion.net and we will do our best to answer them all on this call. If there is time at the end, we will take questions in the chat box during the meeting.
- Space is limited, but to reserve your spot on this call, visit our **Moms In Motion Facebook Event** at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/225143808915535/>

NEW COVID UPDATES:

- In the Medicaid Bulletin that went out on 4/22/20, the effective date for parents of minors and spouses to become paid attendants during this emergency is officially April 20, 2020. Parents include biological, foster, adoptive, step, and legal guardians.
- Here's what you need to understand about this change:
 - Parents of a minor child are only allowed to do Personal Care as a paid attendant. **Parents of minor children are NOT allowed to do Respite care and get paid for it, even if they have another Unpaid Primary Caregiver that needs relief.**
 - There is currently nothing in any of the Fiscal Agents portals that will prevent a parent from entering time under Respite. However, DMAS will be doing a "look back" after this emergency. If the parent of a minor child becomes the paid attendant, only Personal Care Attendant hours should be entered into the Fiscal Agent portal or EVV. Any parent of a minor child who enters time in the Fiscal Agent portal or EVV under Respite would be putting themselves at risk of committing Medicaid fraud. If you have questions about this, please contact your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator.
 - The fastest/easiest way to have a parent of a minor child or a spouse of someone receiving services become a paid attendant is to do the following:
 - If the parent or spouse is NOT the Employer of Record and they are currently listed as the Backup Plan, simply submit the attendant application to the fiscal agent as usual. No other changes are required. To find out if you are currently the Backup, contact your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator.
 - If the parent or spouse is NOT the Employer of Record and they are currently listed as the Unpaid Primary Caregiver, simply submit the attendant application to the fiscal agent as usual. Make sure to let your Service Facilitator know this is happening and identify if there is another Unpaid Primary Caregiver.
 - **Reminder:** There must be an Unpaid Primary Caregiver in order for the individual to continue to qualify for Respite services. If there is not another Unpaid Primary Caregiver available, then the individual receiving services does not qualify for Respite. If the parent becomes the paid attendant, they CANNOT get paid for Respite, but another attendant CAN.

- If the parent or spouse IS currently the Employer of Record and they want to become the paid attendant, we encourage you to talk with your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator about this at your next visit. Please note: A paid attendant cannot also be the Employer of Record.
- If there is an emergency situation that prevents you from waiting until your next visit, you may contact your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator before the visit.
- **Please note:** A new Employer of Record will need to be assigned. It is imperative that this be done through your Service Facilitator and NOT directly with the Fiscal Agent. Please be prepared with name (including middle initial), address, phone number, date of birth, social security number, and email for the new EOR before contacting your Service Facilitator to make this change.
- Once this emergency is over and the Appendix K activation is removed, any spouse of an individual receiving services or any parent of a minor child who has become the paid attendant will no longer be able to be a paid attendant. DMAS confirmed today that the Fiscal Agents (CDCN, PPL, and Acces\$) will automatically remove these attendants from their systems. For questions about this, please contact your Fiscal Agent directly.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

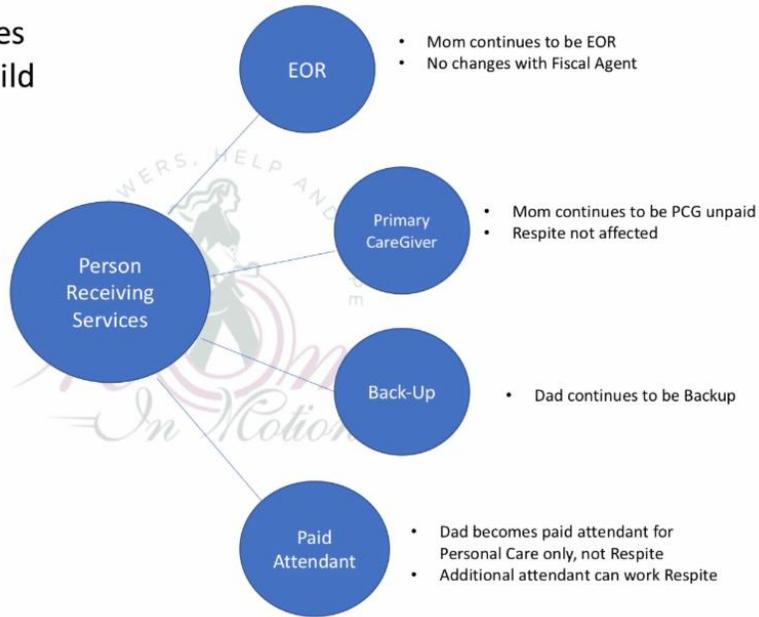
- If you are currently receiving Unemployment Benefits, becoming a paid attendant may affect that service.
- If you do not have another Unpaid Primary Caregiver, then becoming a paid attendant may impact Respite Services.
- The role of the Employer of Record is to hire and train attendants, manage the EVV time management process, oversee the attendant services, enroll/disenroll attendants, meet with the Service Facilitator and otherwise direct the care of the individual receiving services. The person you select to become the EOR must be able to perform the defined EOR duties.
- A new Employer of Record change has to be completely processed and approved by the Fiscal Agent prior to that person approving any time worked by the Attendant.
- A new Attendant being hired has to be completely processed and approved by the Fiscal Agent prior to that person working, submitting, or being paid for any time worked.
- Hiring a parent or spouse as an Attendant does not necessarily constitute a need for an increase in Personal Care Hours. These hours are based only on the Personal Care needs of the individual being served. If you have questions about this, please contact your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator.

Here is a sample scenarios in which the Parent of a Minor Child or the Spouse of some receiving services can become the paid attendant.

2 Parents, One Becomes Attendant of Minor Child

During COVID Example:

- Child under 18
- Mom was EOR & PCG
- Dad was Backup
- Dad becomes paid attendant AND Backup



[Click to see other scenarios](#)

As always, we are here to support you and your family and will continue to provide information as things change throughout this emergency. If you have questions about your specific situation, please contact your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator, visit the COVID page on our website at:

www.MomsInMotion.net/Resources/covid-19, or contact our team at 800-417-0908.

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