

# UPDATE

## June 29, 2020



### IMPORTANT FAMILY/CLIENT UPDATE

On Friday, June 26, 2020, we received a Medicaid Memo from DMAS (Department of Medical Assistance Services) regarding current COVID-19 flexibilities. In it, they described the changes that are going to be made soon around the flexibilities that were put in place for COVID-19.

Originally, Appendix K of the 1915(c) Waiver was effective through June 30, 2020. DMAS has now received approval from CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid) to extend those flexibilities for the full allowable time under federal law (January 26, 2021). This does not mean that all of Virginia's flexibilities are extended until then. What it means is that now DMAS can end some of them and then reinstate them, as necessary, without getting another approval from CMS. This becomes particularly important in the event of COVID-19 resurgences.

DMAS has put out planned expiration dates for some of the flexibilities. These are **planned** and not *definite*. DMAS will re-evaluate these dates as they approach and determine if they need to be extended. Some of them will be affected by whatever the school systems decide to do.

Here are the new dates that affect Consumer-Directed services:

- **January 26, 2021:** The flexibility that allows a person who is not using services at least once per month to keep their Medicaid eligibility is extended until January 26, 2021. Individuals that choose not to use their Personal Care, or other Waiver Services, will not lose their Medicaid
- **July 31, 2020:** The flexibility around service providers like Moms In Motion's Service Facilitators doing virtual or telephonic visits ends July 31, 2020. Again, this will be re-evaluated by DMAS as the date approaches and may be extended. We at Moms In Motion are already working on our transition plan for what our new 'normal' will look like and will begin to roll that out very soon. We understand all of the safety concerns you have for

yourself and your families. Safety is our focus as we make this transition.

- **August 31, 2020:** The flexibility around parents of minor children and the spouses of people receiving services being paid attendants will end August, 31, 2020. Again, depending on what the schools do, DMAS is prepared to re-evaluate this as we get closer to that date and may extend it. We will be having a meeting with DMAS and will be asking questions around how this transition will work. We will send more information about it as we get it.

Please be patient with us as we try to get as many answers as possible. Trust that we will do our best to get you the information we get as concisely and as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience and trust,

Joy Spencer, CEO  
& the Team at Moms In Motion

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As always, we are here to support you and your family and will continue to provide information as changes occur and as information is announced throughout this emergency.

If you have questions about your specific situation, please contact your Moms In Motion Service Facilitator, or visit the [COVID page](#) on our website.

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