Special Edition Newsletter March 11, 2021



IMPORTANT FAMILY/CLIENT UPDATE



COVID flexibilities extended

We hope this communication finds you and your family safe and well during this unprecedented time. We wanted to provide you with an update on Appendix K flexibilities.

As of May 1, 2021 we will return to in-person visits every 6 months until the end of the federal health emergency. Please note: we intend to group the in-person visits into one or two days per week, which means we will be seeing many families per day on those days. If you are uncomfortable with us coming to your home, visits can be done virtual. Simply let your Service

Facilitator (SF) know at your next virtual visit that you do not want an in-person visit. We will document that and conduct the next visit virtually.

Appendix K Update: During this emergency, DMAS has also allowed families to hire a parent or spouse to be the paid Attendant so that families did not have to introduce risk into their homes by bringing in their external Attendants during this pandemic.

This flexibility was scheduled to end March 11, 2021. However, DMAS announced that they have been granted permission by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to extend this flexibility to August 1, 2021! We are excited that your efforts to advocate for this extension have paid off!

The landscape of our federal government is changing as we speak, which impacts the state's ability to extend these flexibilities beyond August 1, 2021. We will continue to advocate for extensions beyond that point, and will keep you updated as this situation evolves. Look for more information from us on our Facebook page and in your email inbox soon. We will also be hosting a Facebook Live Q&A Wednesday, April 7th at 12 noon. Please RSVP and join us <u>HERE</u>!

If these flexibilities have been beneficial to you during this pandemic, if you've had peace of mind knowing you've been able to keep your family safe, we strongly encourage you to contact your legislators to advocate to extend these flexibilities. Your voices matter the most and your legislators will listen! We have created a page on our website devoted to this effort that has the information you need to contact your legislators. <u>Click here</u> to check it out.

We look forward to the day when this pandemic has passed, to when it no longer poses a health risk to you for our team to come see you in person again or to have your attendants working in your homes. We will continue to keep you updated as things change and the end of the flexibility draws near. The safety of the families we serve, of their attendants, and of our team members remains our top priority. Thank you for your continued patience and for your trust in us to continue to serve you and your family with excellence. Thank you for partnering with us and allowing us the joy of serving you.

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.

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