

# Impact of Coronavirus on Medicaid and Waivers

*Especially for*

People with Developmental Disabilities/Delays and Families

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The Arc of Virginia is a state chapter of The Arc of the United States, the nation's oldest and largest organization of and for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

The Arc's mission is to promote and protect the human rights of people with or at risk of developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetime.



# Agenda

**Medicaid Health Insurance**  
**Medicaid Eligibility Protections**  
**PPE - Personal Protective Equipment**  
**Service Authorizations**  
**Electronic Visit Verification**  
**Early Intervention Services**  
**Rebate Checks**  
**Unemployment**  
**Behavioral and Mental Health Support**  
**Changes Being Considered to Waivers**  
**DD Waivers**  
**Questions**

# Virginia Medicaid is taking action to fight COVID-19



No co-pays for any Medicaid or FAMIS covered services



No pre-approvals needed and automatic approval extensions for many critical medical services



Outreach to higher risk and older members to review critical needs



90 day supply of many routine prescriptions



Ensuring members do not inadvertently lose coverage due to lapses in paperwork or a change in circumstances



Encouraging use of telehealth

Medicaid covers all COVID-19 testing and treatment. Call your doctor.

# **Medicaid Eligibility Safeguards**

***During the Emergency***

**No one will lose their Medicaid Health Insurance**

**No one will lose their Medicaid Waiver**

***-Even if you don't use Waiver services-***

# Medicaid and Medicaid Waiver Programs

- ❖ Personal Protective Equipment is not covered by Medicaid
- ❖ Authorizations for Consumer Directed Services\* extended by 2 months. \*Personal Care \*Respite \*Companion
- ❖ You may apply for Waivers
- ❖ Increasing and Adding Services

# **Electronic Visit Verification**

**The EVV system is in effect.**

**Attendants and EORs should call their fiscal agent if they have trouble with the EVV system**

**DMAS is paying attendants even if the attendant time entries or approval by the EOR are not EVV compliant.**

# Early Intervention - Birth to 3 years

## Services are available

Ongoing developmental services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language, monitoring of successful program and instructional Implementation and service plan development.

[Assessments](#) for new children in person or telehealth

May use Telehealth or Remote Care Delivery



# Recovery Rebate Checks

One time tax rebate for adults

Amount depends on your income

\$1,200 for adults, income less than \$75,000

\$500 additional amount for each child

Does not affect public benefits

SSI recipients may need to file [2019 tax return](#)

# Unemployment Benefits

**Unemployment Benefits have been increased**

**Consumer Directed employees/attendants are eligible to apply.**

**If you lose employment or have a reduction in hours**

## **[Virginia Employment Commission](#)**

Response to Covid-19 is rapidly changing from day to day across the Commonwealth and the Nation. Please check our Website regularly for updates on any changes that may occur in how claims are being processed in Virginia.

# Behavioral and Mental Health Services

Resources:

Case Manager/Support Coordinator

[Community Services Board](#)

[REACH](#)

# My Job and Services

## **What do I do if my job tells me I can not work through this emergency?**

**Call your your Case Manager/Support Coordinator and if you have a job coach call them**

**Call the agency that provides your other waiver services for assistance or your Care Coordinator.**

**You may be eligible for unemployment benefits from the Virginia Employment Commission.**

## **What do I do if my waiver support staff doesn't show or are not able to come work with me?**

**Call the agency that provides your services and let them know.**

**Call your DD Case Manager/Support Coordinator**

**Call your Services Facilitator if you have consumer-directed services**

**Call your Care Coordinator with your managed care plan.**

# Will There Be Changes to the Waivers?

**Allowances that are being considered, **not** currently approved:**

- Parents of children providing attendant care
- Increased hours for attendants who do not live in the individual's home
- Increase of Respite hours from the current 480 hours annually.
- Expedited approval of new attendants
- Expedited processes for new Employer of Record applicants.

***Please note the above allowances are under consideration as well as others.  
When further information is known we will update our website.***

# **DD Waiver - Meetings Annual Plans, VIDES and SIS**

**Not required to have in-person meetings for:**

Annual Individual Services Plan

VIDES

Supports Intensity Scale (SIS)

Completed by telephone or telehealth

## CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION & RESOURCES

~ Check back frequently for updates ~

*We are in this together ...*

STAY HEALTHY,  
STAY INFORMED,  
STAY CONNECTED

In an effort to support people with developmental disabilities and their families through the current Coronavirus Crisis, The Arc of Virginia has put this page together to share information and resources and to answer your questions.

It is our hope that connecting our community will help us all through this most unusual time.



[coronavirus-thearcofva.org](https://coronavirus-thearcofva.org)

## **Do You Have Other Questions?**

The Arc of Virginia is collecting questions from people who use services, and then seeking answers to those questions from the State and relevant departments, and posting them on our website. Look for “Q&A for Individuals and Families”. Questions may be listed without an answer, as we seek to find one.

- To submit your question, please email [info@thearcofva.org](mailto:info@thearcofva.org), subject Coronavirus
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