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Self-Directed Advocacy Network of Maryland, Inc.

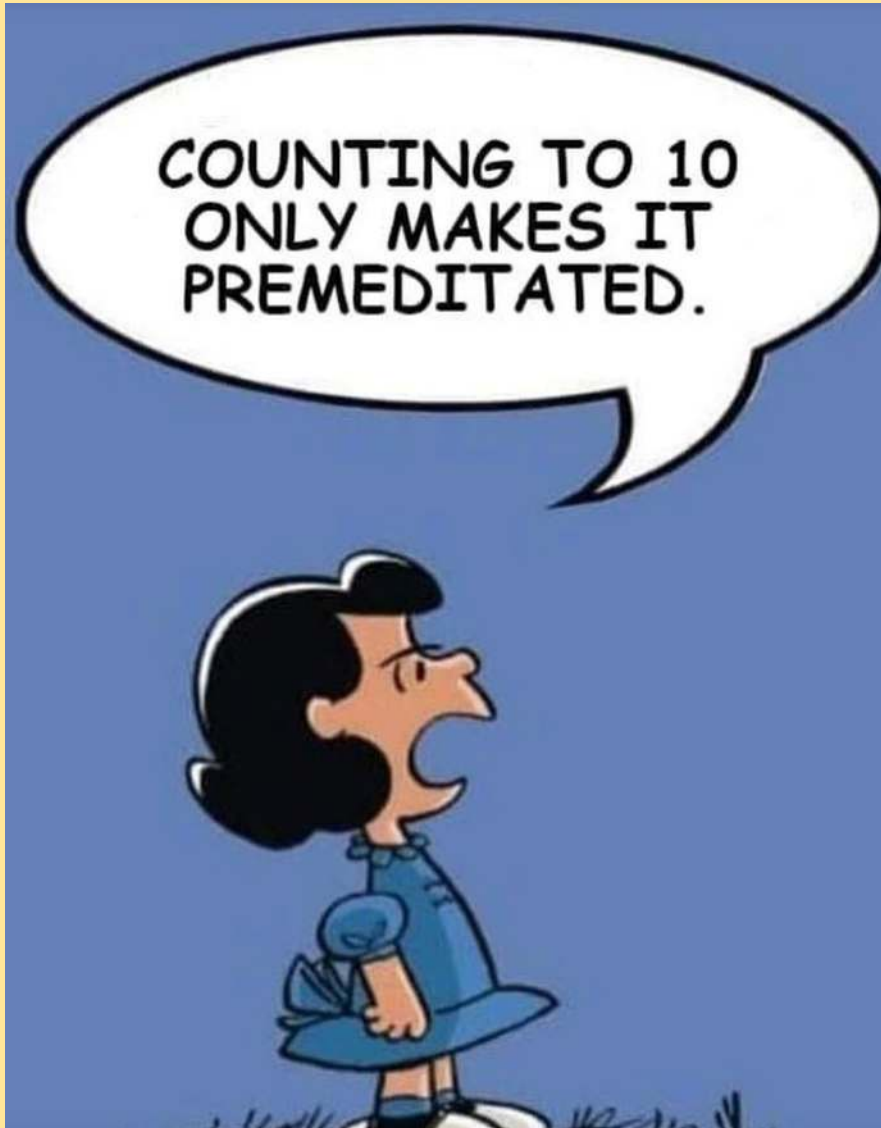
WELCOME!

Waiver
Renewal

Updates

Question
Time

Tell us what is
most pressing
for you!



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Use Chat Box for questions

We will be recording

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Reminders...

- October 6th: Waiver renewal comments due, email to wfb.dda@maryland.gov. SDAN comments shared to members October 4th and posted to www.marylandsds.org.
- November 15th: Participants MUST proactively choose a Fiscal Management and Counseling Service (FMCS) or one will be chosen FOR you. DDA FMCS info fairs in October—[register here](#).
- July 2022 Rate Change: Need additional funds? Speak with your support broker or CCS to confirm you got the increase.
- January 31st, 2023: Portions of Appendix K extended BUT overtime for Family as Staff (FAS) ends September 30th—[read DDA's email here](#).
- December 1st: Finger printing—mandatory for ALL staff and Support Brokers, both existing and new.

Waiver Renewal

This is the opportunity to have your voice heard on Waiver changes

Public Comments due 10/6/22

[Read DDA's Draft Here](#)

January 1, 2023 Waiver changes submitted by DDA with Effective date of July 1, 2023

New Services and Key Changes to Celebrate

- Day to Day Administrator position (sustainability)*
- Supervised Overnight supports are added to Awake Overnight
- Personal Supports 82/hour restriction lifted
- Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services (IFDGS) \$5,000 cap lifted (but still needs DDA approval)
- Independence Plus designation was requested by DDA which shows that the waiver shows a strong commitment to Self Direction (SD).

* Comes out of unallocated funds

New Services and Key Changes to Celebrate

- Allows Support Broker (SB) hours up to 30 hrs/month* and expands what they can do (up to 4 hours still fully funded by waiver service authorization)
- New waiver requires a Support Broker, if family is paid staff
- Transparency in review process, including access to MD-LTSS Case Management System (coming)
- Budget authority for Shared Living

* Comes out of unallocated funds

“Day to Day” Administrative Support position (optional)

Support to help people sustain their SD services (not direct support)

Customizable and flexible to suit the person and their TEAM

Day to day admin supports to include assistance with all aspects of household and personal management

Source of funds is unallocated – Concern about placement under IFDGS but otherwise positive

Supervision Overnight Added

In addition to Awake Overnights is
the new service of Supervision
Overnight

With an assessed need

From Personal Support hours

Support Broker Changes

Expanded duties

DDA funds up to 4 hours but up to 30 hours is available using unallocated funds

Mandatory for participants with legal guardian, rep payee, or family as staff – Protects state from perception of conflict of interest and protects participants who may not chose to have their family as staff or as their only staff.

(Support Broker advocates for the person!)

Individual and Family Directed Goods and Services (IFDGS)

Ability to spend over \$5,000
with DDA approval – source of
funds is unallocated

Definition of allowable items
expanded to align with Centers
for Medicare and Medicaid
Services (CMS) guidelines

SDAN Waiver Concerns and Comments

Waiver does not include details – Policy becomes crucial

Lack of explicit acknowledgment that Self Direction is a 1:1 service/rate

Concern that some individuals need skilled nursing services and DDA doesn't offer the service

Remove the words “representative payee as staff” from the need to have a mandatory support broker

SDAN Waiver Concerns and Comments

Smart Phones should be INCLUDED if needed for assistive technology and not available/appropriate from other sources

Internet Access should be INCLUDED

Awake overnights should drop Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST) of 4 and rely on Behavior Plan or Nursing Plan as documentation of support need

Remove “extraordinary circumstances” from support broker expanded hours

SDAN Waiver Concerns

Community includes a person's home, so
Community Development Services (CDS) should be
allowable in the home

Budget modification should allow for funds to
move across approved employer authority services
and to 'reallocate' funds which came out of
unallocated funds

IFDGS what criteria will be used to approve
or disapprove participant choice (contrary
to SD Act of 2022)

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) is coming... Please give us your concerns in the CHAT!!!

- We don't know when... but we do know soon
- Each FFMCS will have its own system
- DDA/MDH (Maryland Dept. of Health) said EVV will be required for Personal Supports and Respite
- Appears as though MDH is doing more than is required by federal law and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines
- **Protect your employees pay—learn the systems!**

Share your thoughts in the chat box!

- Waiver changes you want but don't see listed
- Your thoughts on EVV?
- Email any private information to info@marylandsds.org

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QUESTIONS?
THOUGHTS?

Put your questions in the chat box or if you are unable to do that, use the “raise your hand” function.

We will answer as many questions as possible!

Reminder: Please feel free to email any private/sensitive information to info@marylandsds.org

Make your thoughts known and submit Waiver comments!

Send your comments to:

wfb.dda@Maryland.gov

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