

COVID-19 Guidance for Adult Day Training Providers

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In light of the extraordinary circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic and nationwide public health emergency, we are writing to advise you of some adjustments that we hope will allow you to continue to serve individuals with developmental disabilities. We recognize that the current situation presents significant challenges and appreciate your continued commitment to the health and safety of the people we serve. The following is guidance regarding the operation of Adult Day Training Centers through the duration of the state of emergency declared under Governor Ron DeSantis' Executive Order 20-52.

Adult Day Training Services are normally, and by their nature, services intended to support the participation of individuals in daily, meaningful, valued routines of the community. If as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Adult Day Training providers are unable to host gatherings at their facilities, Adult Day Training services may be provided in appropriate alternative settings, like smaller environments.

APD also advises Adult Day Training providers to review the Florida Medicaid Alert of March 18, 2020. The iBudget Payment Flexibility document provides a revised payment methodology for Adult Day Training providers in an effort to reduce the adverse financial impact on providers. Consistent with the payment flexibility document, the Agency for Health Care Administration is seeking federal approval on behalf of APD for advance payment for these services beginning April 1, 2020.

Additionally, provider staff attempting to enter any facility must successfully complete a screening protocol to identify those with possible exposure to COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19. The screening protocol is intended to protect the health and safety of everyone in the facility.

The Agency will issue subsequent guidance related to additional flexibilities or service enhancements intended to ensure there is no disruption in care of waiver clients.

For questions, please contact your Regional Operations Manager. Thank you for the services you provide to individuals with developmental disabilities.



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