



Important DDD Update

Below is information from DDD that our families should be aware of. Please take a moment to read through this email in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding the information contained herein, please contact us at 908-689-1118



NJ CAT Assessments

The NJ CAT (NJ Comprehensive Assessment Tool) is DDD's new standardized needs-assessment survey that must be completed by all individuals who receive or are eligible to receive Division-funded services. For individuals currently living in a licensed residential setting, the NJ CAT survey will be completed by the residential provider. All other individuals and/or their guardians should have received a "Dear Participant" notification letter that included instructions about contacting the Rutgers Developmental Disabilities Planning Institute (DDPI) to request to complete the NJ CAT.

If you or an eligible individual in your care has not received notification, please contact the [Supports Program Help Desk](#) so that appropriate direction can be provided. While there is not a specific deadline by which the NJ CAT survey must be completed, it is important that it be completed as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition into the new system. (Please note that transitioning to the fee-for-service model is not optional and is required for any eligible individual who wishes to access or continue to access Division-funded services.)

Stakeholder Clarification: Supports Program vs. Community Care Waiver (CCW)

In the Medicaid-based, fee-for-service system, individuals will access DDD services through one of two Medicaid waiver programs - either the Supports Program or the Community Care Waiver (CCW). Individuals do not "choose" which waiver program to be enrolled in; rather, waiver program enrollment is based on an individual's assessed needs and eligibility criteria.

Detailed information regarding these two waiver programs is/will be available in the program Policies and Procedures Manuals:

- The draft [Supports Program Policies and Procedures Manual](#) is available now on the Division's website and the finalized version (based on stakeholder review and comment) is expected to be released soon.
- The draft Community Care Waiver Policies and Procedures Manual is currently being developed and is expected to be released for stakeholder review and comment soon.

The Division has recently conducted a series of webinars specifically dedicated to the new Supports Program. Please see the announcement below regarding a webinar the Division is offering in October that focuses on the Community Care Waiver.

NEW WEBINAR! DDD's Community Care Waiver (CCW): An Informational Overview for Stakeholders

This webinar will give an overview of DDD's Community Care Waiver (CCW), including eligibility criteria, available services, and common misconceptions. The renewal of the CCW, which has been in existence since 1982, is currently awaiting final approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Once approval is received, the Division will submit proposed amendments to the CCW.

This webinar will also discuss where the Division is in the process of renewing the CCW as well as DDD's proposed amendments to the CCW, and will provide direction regarding the opportunity for stakeholder input to the proposed amendments. The webinar - which is presented by Elizabeth M. Shea, Assistant Commissioner and Kelli Rice, Director, Community Care Waiver Unit, and will include a live Q&A period - is available on the following two dates:

- Friday, October 23, 2015, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 28, 2015, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

[REGISTER NOW for one or both of the Community Care Waiver Webinars](#)



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