



Member Forum

June 26, 2020

- Welcome and Introductions – Rick Adams, Chair
- Special Award Presentation –
Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch
- 2020 Special Leadership Award – Rick Adams, Chair
- INARF PAC Lifetime Achievement Award –
Patrick Cockrum, PAC Board Chair
- Industry Update – John Barth, Katy Stafford-Cunningham
and Sarah Chestnut

Videos Played during Webinar

- [Steve's Farewell Video](#)
- [Kelli Waggoner's Thank You Video](#)



Upcoming Member Forums

The July Board meeting and Member Forum will be held Friday, July 24 via GoToWebinar.

10-11 Board Meeting

11-12:30 Member Forum

The Forum will include an update on the State Budget Committee and comments from State Rep. Carey Hamilton, a member of Ways & Means and the 1102 Task Force, on COVID funding and other matters.



Industry Update

HHS Medicaid Provider Relief Funds

- Distribution methodology will be based upon 2% of gross revenues from patient care for CY 2017, 2018 or 2019
- Payments will be disbursed on a rolling basis, as information is validated. HHS may seek additional information from providers as necessary to complete its review.
- These funds will have strings attached
- Deadline to file is July 20, 2020
- First payments are expected by the end of August

Awaiting Senate action on COVID relief bill

- Advocates urging Congress to protect against cuts to reimbursement rates for critical services and support the dedicated 10% FMAP increase for HCBS providers and the increase in the global FMAP included in the HEROES Act

- **BDDS Day Services Sustainability Grants**
 - Deadline to apply for round 1: *Today at 6 PM EDT*
 - [DDRS COVID-19 Resource Webpage](#)
 - Day Services Sustainability Grant [Announcement](#)
 - [Instruction Guide](#)
 - [Application Form](#) for BDDS Day Services Sustainability Grant
 - Grant [Reminders and application dates](#)

Current COVID-19 Incidence Data (Individuals and Staff) – June 21

- Individuals supported with positive cases: 217: 67 SGL; 150 Waiver
 - <10 cases: Allen, Bartholomew, Clark, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Delaware, Elkhart, Grant Hamilton Hancock Harrison Hendricks Jasper Jefferson Johnson LaGrange LaPorte Madison Marshall Randolph Scott Vigo Wabash
 - >10 cases: Lake 33, Marion 102, St Joseph 10, Tippecanoe 14
- Individuals supported deaths: 12
- Staff positives: 191
- Staff deaths: 4
- Poll

Day Service Reopening

- BDDS/BQIS released a [form](#) for providers to update DDRS on reopening plans
- Even if day services did not completely close, the form should be completed if there was any sort of restriction or change in the setting
- Required information
 - provider name, provider contact name, contact phone and email
 - services re-opening
 - narrative describing how your agency utilized a person-centered approach to re-opening, including an example
 - narrative describing any visitor restrictions being implemented during re-opening, how the restrictions were determined, and an example
 - re-opening date(s)
 - estimated # of impacted individuals in each service on each re-opening date
 - date individuals and families were notified of re-opening plans
 - date when your agency will re-evaluate the re-opening plan for each service
 - date when your agency will submit updated information regarding re-opening

Waiver Renewals – Effective July 16

Changes across **both** CIH and FS waivers:

- Adult day services – minor language revisions to ensure supports are based on individual strengths and interests
- Day habilitation – will automatically replace community and facility habilitation (group and individual) services beginning August 1, 2020. Makes changes to ratio sizes.
- Family and caregiver training – increased annual reimbursement limit to \$5,000 per service plan year and clarified reimbursable activities
- Paid relative caregivers – Allows relative caregivers to provide up to 40 hours of residential habilitation (CIH) or participant assistance and care per paid caregiver.
- Prevocational services – Requires participants to have employment-related goals in the PCISP
- Combines Case Management monthly and annual units into single unit

Waiver Renewals – Effective July 16

CIH waiver only:

- Remote supports – expanded definition and reimbursable activities, and expanded to youth aged 14-17.
- Rent and food for unrelated caregiver – clarified service limitations to prohibit concurrent use with SFC services and to establish a maximum number of four waiver participants per SFC household.

FS waiver only:

- + Remote supports – Definition identical to CIH. Allows the first \$500 in reimbursement outside the annual FS waiver cap in any service plan year. Youth ages 14-17 now eligible.
- + Environmental modifications – The \$15,000 environmental modifications lifetime cap and the \$500 available per year for service and repair are outside of the FS waiver cap.

Waiver Redesign

- INARF submitted over [22 pages of comments and an Executive Summary](#) on June 19
- Thank you to the INARF Membership Development Committee and Waiver Redesign Workgroup for your assistance with developing the comments
- DDRS anticipates that the final concept paper will be shared in August, with the public comment period to follow from August to October

NCI Staff Stability Survey

- Data collected on the 2019 DSP workforce will serve as a benchmark to assess the effects of COVID-19 on the 2020 DSP workforce
- Your agency should have received an email from [Dorothy Hiersteiner](#), with IN NCI Staff Stability Survey 2019 in the subject line, with links to the 2019 National Core Indicators Staff Stability Survey and to a video tutorial on how to complete the survey
- Deadline for completing the survey: **July 31, 2020**
- Questions? Contact [Shelly Thomas](#),
BQIS Assistant Director

Electronic Visit Verification

- 189 days until January 1, 2021
- As of June 3, only 32% of providers rendering services requiring EVV were capable of submitting EVV records
- Reminder: Providers not in compliance with the EVV mandate by January 1, 2021, will experience claims and reimbursement issues until they follow the federal mandate for successfully recording EVV visits
- If you have not yet started implementation, time is of the essence

- State Budget Committee Update
 - Indiana has received \$3.6B in federal funding (non-passthrough)
 - \$2.4B of which is from CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds
 - \$50M from the Coronavirus Relief Funds
 - » DDRS Day Services Sustainability Grants
 - » DA Sustainability Grants
 - » Temporary enhanced funding for COVID nursing facilities (6%)
 - Started the biennium with \$2.3B in General Fund reserves
 - \$1.7B projected budget shortfall at the end of SFY 2020
 - \$2B projected budget shortfall for SFY 2021

INARF PAC Updates

- \$6,043 in Contributions to the INARF PAC to date
- \$11,789 in Contributions to the INARF PAC at the end of July 2019
- 2020 INARF PAC Fundraising Goal: \$20,000
- \$22,500 in Approved Contributions to Candidates

INARF appreciates your contributions at

www.inarf.org/inarf-pac.html



Thank you!

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