

Current Flexibilities

- In this critical time, everyone will be required to work collaboratively, operate differently, and be proactive to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- It is important for people to engage in the activities they choose, with the services they need in the safest way possible. Given the higher rate of COVID-19 transmission and the likelihood of complications for people with developmental disabilities, we ask teams to work closely with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to determine the safest way to deliver day or employment services.
- Through the person-centered team process, the team should consider, at any time in the process, alternative ADS, VH, or ICF Day Program options, including virtual or in-home services, as facility-based services may not be the wish of every person or the desire of every team.
- Current flexibilities that exist:
 - ADS/VH can be provided in someone's home, virtually, or on behalf of.
 - Personnel flexibility:
 - ADS/VH providers may provide HPC and residential respite in multiple ways. (subcontracting with residential providers, expediting adding these services to their provider certification).
 - Onboarding DSPs
 - Sharing of DSPs across agencies
 - Reimbursement:
 - STEP billing code
 - Restart billing code

Proposal

Beginning on January 1, 2021:

- **ODH Order:** DODD will continue order as written until December 31, 2020. DODD will continue to monitor cases of COVID-19 and directives from Governor's Office and ODH. The current plan is to propose the revision to ODH for January 1, 2021 on adult day services to expand group size to 12 people per cohort. Exclude DSPs from the group size calculation.
- **Services**
 - Adult Day
 - Vocational Habilitation
- **Settings (where these services can happen):**

- Facility based setting in groups no more than 10 people, including DSPs (update if order is changed)
- Virtually
- In person's home
- Community based setting
- On Behalf Of, when connected to a service. (see DODD guidance)
- **Rates/Codes:** The ADS/VH service can be provided in all the settings listed above.
 - **STEP Code:**
 - **Group Size:** No more than 5 people (excluding DSPs).
 - **Settings:** Virtually, in person's home, on behalf of, or community.
 - **Rate:** Acuity C, addition of community integration rate add-on, if DSPs pass MyLearning Community Integration training. Daily rate is available, if services meet ADS/VH rule i.e. services can be billed in a daily unit if services occur between 5-7 hours.
 - **Drop In Option:** A provider delivering these services may drop into a congregate setting, but groups must remain separated from the ADS/VH cohorts within the congregate settings. People may remain within the congregate setting (ODH order definition) the amount of time necessary to address individual needs.
 - **Restart:**
 - **Group Size:** no more than 10(12), including or excluding DSPs. This will be based on ODH Order.
 - **Settings:** congregate facility and/or community.
 - **Rate:** A provider would bill Restart (Acuity C is Acuity C, Acuity A and B- reimbursed at Acuity B). Unit or daily rate billing based on rule.
 - Must follow provider assurance process and mandatory general requirements.
- **Administrative Review:**
 - Individual's limits to ADS/VH services will be based on AAI and associated budget limitation. If a county board assesses that no other services are available to meet the individual's needs, costs are projected to exceed budget limitations, or person's needs require smaller staffing ratios than would typically be utilized at AAI acuity level , an administrative review can be requested.
- **Technology:** Encourage greater use of remote day supports via technology (Appendix K) where applicable.

- **Transportation:**

- Encourage families to provide transportation when able to reduce demand of NMT.
- **County Board:** providers are encouraged to reach out to local county boards regarding local grants to cover cleaning, disinfecting, coordination, and collaboration.

Appendix K

DODD will initiate a discussion with ODM regarding the potential to establish retainer payments.

ADS/VH Services	Current	Proposal with <u>Current</u> ODH Order - January 1, 2021	Proposal with <u>Revised</u> ODH Order - January 1, 2021
Facility-Based (Restart) Group Size	10 including DSPs	10 including DSPs	12 not including DSPs
Facility-Based (Restart) Rate	Acuity C - All	Acuity C – Acuity C Acuity B – Acuity A or B	Acuity C – Acuity C Acuity B – Acuity A or B
Administrative Review	Available	Available	Available
STEP Group Size	4 not including DSPs	5 not including DSPs	5 not including DSPs
STEP Rates			
Acuity C - All	Only 15-minute units	15-minute units or daily if 5-7 hours of service provided	15-minute units or daily if 5-7 hours of service provided
Community Integration (CI) Add-On	Eligible with completion of CI training requirements and 1:4 ratio	Eligible with completion of CI training requirements and 1:4 ratio	Eligible with completion of CI training requirements and 1:4 ratio
STEP Drop-In Option	Not Available	Available	Available
Settings			
Virtual	STEP Codes	STEP Codes	STEP Codes
In-Home	STEP Codes	STEP Codes	STEP Codes
On Behalf Of	STEP Codes	STEP Codes	STEP Codes
Community	STEP or Restart Codes	STEP or Traditional Codes	STEP or Traditional Codes
Congregate Facility	Restart Codes	Traditional Codes	Traditional Codes