

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Community Participation Support (CPS) Retainer Payments Update ODP Announcement 20-074

AUDIENCE:

Providers of Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support, and Community Living Waiver (ID/A Waivers) Community Participation Support services.

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the status of and requirements for CPS retainer payments.

DISCUSSION:

CPS Retainer Payments March -June 2020

The Governor signed Act 24 of 2020, which allocates funding from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act – also known as the CARES Act. Act 24 of 2020 includes \$80M for retainer payments for CPS providers for 120 days (March 1 through June 30, 2020). Each provider's retainer payment has been calculated at 75% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 and has been distributed through a gross adjustment. The gross adjustments for March and April were released in the respective month and for May and June were released on June 15, 2020.

Funds received for the period of March through June must be expended by November 30, 2020 or returned to the commonwealth. ***Additionally, these funds must be used for COVID-19 related expenses.*** Providers should keep documentation to prove that these funds were used for their response to the COVID-19 pandemic in case of an audit. ***Providers will be expected to provide a report on expenditures.*** Instructions on expenditure reporting will be provided in the future.

Providers are advised to review guidance for eligible expenses related to COVID-19 on the U.S. Department of Treasury website:

Guidance:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

CPS Retainer Payments July -September 2020

For the period of July 1 through September 30, 2020, ID/A Waiver funds will be used to make retainer payments to CPS providers.

The retainer payment for the period of July 1 through September 30, 2020 will be calculated as follows:

- **July and August 2020:** 50% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 if the facility is located in a county that is in a red or yellow phase; 25% of average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 if the facility is located in a county that is in the green phase.
- **September 2020:** 25% average monthly billing for 7/1/19-2/29/2020 regardless of the phase of the county where the facility is located.

ODP will evaluate in August if there is a need for retainer payments for additional periods.

The Appendix K amendment approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services on March 18, 2020, requires ODP to conduct an analysis of any retainer payments made for the period of July 1 through September 30 and reconcile the payments if needed to ensure that no duplicate payments have been made for services rendered. Additional details will be provided by ODP on the payment dates and reconciliation process.