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Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: May 10, 2021

TO: Local Governing Entities
OCDD Support Coordination Agencies
OCDD Provider Agencies
Fiscal Employer Agents (FEA)
Self-Direction Employers

FROM: Teresa Frank, Waiver Program Supervisor

SUBJECT: Appendix K Exceptions Extended

In April 2021 the Public Health Emergency (PHE) was extended for three (3) more months as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic. The renewal lasts for 90 days, effective through July 21, 2021 (unless ended sooner by HHS or the State of Louisiana). As a result, the following exceptions are extended for **six (6) months after** the ending of the public health emergency (January 21, 2022). Unless the public health emergency is extended **this will be the final extension of the Appendix K Exceptions:**

EXCEPTION	WAIVERS IMPACTED	
Conversion of Vocational program hours in the current plan of care to In-home supports	NOW(IFS) ROW (CLS) SW(in home Respite)(20 hours)	
Additional 20 hours per week of family support due to school closures	Children's Choice	
Allowing the participant and direct service worker (DSW) to live in the same household	NOW(IFS) ROW (CLS) SW(In home Respite) Children's Choice (FS)	
Allowing legally responsible relatives as DSWs, including parents and spouses	NOW, ROW, SW, CC	
Allowing an abbreviated DSW training prior to work	All waivers	
****Allowing suspension of background checks if DSW lived in the home prior to COVID****	All waivers	NOT EXTENDED
Hazard pay for individuals working with participants exposed to or infected with COVID-19 per Hazard Pay Policy	All OCDD waivers	
Virtual visits for initial, quarterly and annual meetings with	all OCDD waivers	

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Waive 30 day continuity of care rule	ROW and NOW	

Plan of Care Updates: OCDD is allowing an extension of current prior authorization beyond the plan of care year without penalty

Updated Provider Attachments Required: OCDD is not extending acceptance of prior year Provider attachments for the Plan of Care. All provider attachments were required to be updated in the first quarter of 2021. All annual plans of care submitted after December 31, 2020 will require updated provider attachments.

90L FORMS: Expiring 90Ls must be updated **when the plan of care is due**, prior to holding the planning meeting. However, **90L forms that are expiring before the new CPOC**, and that **cannot be obtained** from the participant's physician (by office visit or telemedicine), can be substituted with a current statement of approval (SOA). If you have questions concerning specific 90Ls for participants please bring them to the attention of OCDD waiver staff. Current medications and a current diagnosis should be documented on the plan of care, as well as the reason the updated 90L could not be obtained. This is also the exception for the new workups: if the 90L can't be obtained at this time use the current SOA.

This guidance supersedes the *Appendix K Exceptions Extended Memorandum* (OCDD-P-21-007, OCDD-R-21-003, OCDD-SC-21-002) issued January 21, 2021.

Please share this updated extension with ALL waiver families and participants in your care. If you have any questions please send them to OCDD-HCBS@la.gov. As always, thank you for your support in these difficult times.