




Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEMORANDUM

To: All Providers
From: Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary 
Developmental Disabilities Administration
Subject: Training extension for The Mandt System® for Direct Service Professionals (DSP)
Date: July 10, 2020

NOTE: Please inform appropriate staff members of the contents of this memorandum.

On March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency due to disease (“COVID-19”) caused by the novel coronavirus. The COVID-19 outbreak was declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020 and was previously declared a nationwide public health emergency on January 31, 2020 (retroactive to January 27, 2020).

Due to the state of emergency, the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is extending The Mandt System® training requirement for all Direct Service Professionals from July 2020 to July 30, 2021. While we remain under the [DDA Appendix K](#) Emergency Preparedness and Response, the training requirement for Mandt has been waived for new hires and re-certification of trained staff has been extended as per [Governor Hogan’s Executive Order](#)s until the state of emergency has ended. Once these orders have been lifted, the DDA recognizes that it will take several months to have all Direct Support Professionals (DSP) trained and re-certified.

Please note that for DSPs that need to be re-certified, there is the E-learning option in the [Mandt Resource Center](#) (MRC). [E-learning](#) will help your staff maintain certification while practicing social distancing. Please note that the technical training is not included in E-learning and will need to be completed in person when it is safe to do so.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Meg DePasquale, Director of Clinical Services at meg.depasquale@maryland.gov

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