




MEMORANDUM

To: DDA Stakeholders
From: Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary, 
Developmental Disabilities Administration
Re: DDA Public Notice - Extension of Transitioning Youth Timeframe
Date: 07/01/2020

Transitioning Youth (TY) are individuals with a developmental disability who qualify for a special, reserved category on the DDA's Waiting List for initiation of DDA-funded services. If an individual meets the criteria for TY, then they are generally eligible to apply for enrollment in a DDA Medicaid Waiver program (see Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.22.12.07, for more details). Potential TY include youth transitioning out from local school systems, public agencies, and private schools, the Autism Waiver, and the foster care system.

COMAR 10.22.12.07B(4)(a)(i) provides that an individual with a developmental disability, who is otherwise eligible for DDA-funded services, may be eligible to begin receiving DDA funding for services as a Transitioning Youth either: (1) for one year between the individual's 21st and 22nd birthday; or (2) if the individual graduates after the individual's 21st birthday, for one year after the date of graduation, at the latest.

Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, some individuals and families have not been able to complete the application process. The DDA will extend the regulatory timeframe to September 30, 2020.