

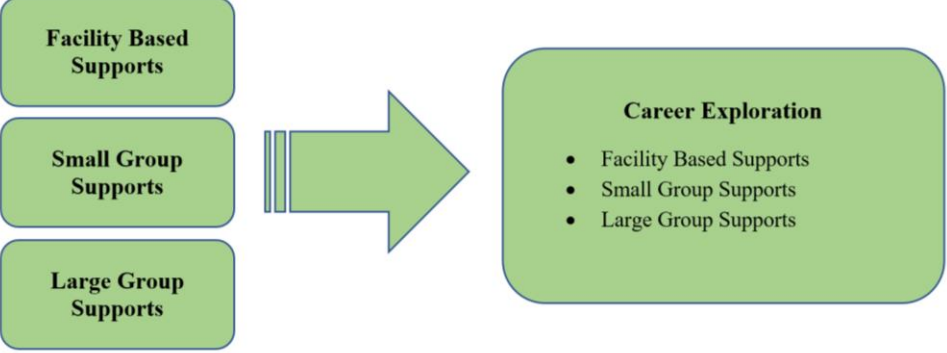
At A Glance Summary - DDA Waiver Amendment #1 2019

This Chart is “**At a Glance**” summary of the approved DDA Waiver Amendment #1 2019 that will take July 2019. For additional information please use the *DDA Waiver Amendment #1 2019 Guide* and the approved waivers by going to our website at:

https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/DDA_Waivers-Amendment1_2019.aspx

Effective Implementation Date	Service Description Enhancement and Transition
	Meaningful Day Services
July 2019	The Person-Centered Plan (PCP) will include a new <i>detailed service authorization</i> section which includes the new employment services that will become available July 1, 2020. This means that effective this July you will need to start discussing in the PCP meetings what services will be included in the person’s plan.
July 2020	All meaningful day services will be provided on an hourly basis providing new opportunities and flexibility for participants to receive various Meaningful Day services on the same day to meet their individualized goals.
July 2020	All <i>Supported Employment</i> and <i>Employment Discovery</i> and <i>Customization</i> services will end on June 30, 2020 and the new corresponding <i>Employment Services</i> (i.e. <i>discovery, job development, on-going job supports, follow along supports, self-employment development supports, and co-worker employment supports</i>) will begin on July 1, 2020.
July 2019	<p>Participants receiving <i>Supported Employment</i> should request <i>Job Development, On-Going, and/or Follow Along Supports</i> under the new <i>Employment Services, or Career Exploration facility-based, small group or large group</i> in the new <i>PCP detailed service authorization</i>.</p> <p>Participants interested in <i>Employment Discovery and Customization</i> should request the <i>Discovery Service</i> under the new <i>Employment Services</i> in the new <i>PCP detailed service authorization</i>.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <pre> graph LR A[Supported Employment] --> C[Employment Services] B[Employment Discovery & Customization] --> C subgraph C [Employment Services] C1[Discovery] C2[Job Development] C3[Follow Along Supports] C4[On-going Job Supports] C5[Co-Worker Supports] C6[Self-Employment Development Supports] end </pre> </div>

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<p>July 2019</p>	<p>Participants participating in activities that include facility-based, small group, or large group supports under <i>Supported Employment</i> or <i>Day Habilitation</i> services should transition to <i>Career Exploration</i> facility-based, small group, or large group supports.</p> <p>To support this transition, the following actions should be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participants shall be supported in creating an employment goal within their Person-Centered Plan during their annual planning process. This plan must identify barriers to employment. 2. The employment goal must outline how the participant will transition to community integrated employment (such as participating in <i>discovery</i> and <i>job development</i>). 3. The Person-Centered Plan must identify current barriers to competitive integrated employment. 4. Teams shall identify the current <i>Career Exploration</i> service model (i.e. <i>facility-based, small group, or large group supports</i>) being delivered under <i>Supported Employment</i> or <i>Day Habilitation</i> services and request the appropriate <i>Career Exploration</i> service model (i.e. <i>facility-based, small group, or large group supports</i>).
	 <p>The diagram illustrates a transition from three categories of supports to a single, more comprehensive category. On the left, three separate rounded rectangular boxes are stacked vertically, labeled 'Facility Based Supports', 'Small Group Supports', and 'Large Group Supports'. A large, light green arrow points from these three boxes towards a single, larger rounded rectangular box on the right. This box is labeled 'Career Exploration' and contains a bulleted list: 'Facility Based Supports', 'Small Group Supports', and 'Large Group Supports'.</p>
<p>July 2019</p>	<p><i>Career Exploration</i> services for new users can be authorized for up to 720 hours for one plan year.</p> <p>Participants interested in <i>Career Exploration</i> must be supported in creating an employment goal within their PCP during their annual planning process. The employment goal must outline how the participant will transition to community integrated employment (such as participating in <i>discovery</i> and <i>job development</i>). The plan must identify current barriers to competitive integrated employment.</p>
<p>July 2019</p>	<p>Self-directed budget authority was added for <i>Employment Services</i> and <i>Day Habilitation</i> in the Community Support Waiver</p>

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July 2019	<p><i>Supported Living</i> service is an option in the Community Pathways Waiver. No more than four (4) individuals (including other participants receiving services) may share a residence in <i>Supported Living</i>.</p> <p>Waiver participants with an assessed need that meets the service requirements can request <i>Supported Living</i> services within their Person-Centered Plan.</p> <p>Waiver participants will not automatically be transferred from <i>Personal Supports</i> to <i>Supported Living</i> services.</p> <p>To support this transition, the following actions should be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The person-centered planning process noted above should be used during the annual plan or sooner. 2. Participants residing together should meet to discuss their options and service provider options.
July 2019	<p><u>Dedicated 1:1 or 2:1 Supports</u></p> <p>Waiver participants with assessed level of service needs for 1:1 and 2:1 can be supported in <i>Supported Living</i> services. Staffing is based on the participant’s level of service need as documented in his or her Person-Centered Plan and supporting documentation.</p>
July 2019	<p><u>Provider Reimbursement Rate:</u></p> <p><i>Supported Living</i> will be paid using the current <i>Community Living – Group Home</i> residential rates and the same process currently being used based on the person’s Health/Medical and Supervision/Assistance Matrix score and provider rate based on the county the person resides.</p>
July 2019	<p><u>Room and Board and Contribution to Care</u></p> <p><i>Supported Living</i> will not be required to pay <i>Room and Board</i> or <i>Contribution to the Cost of Care</i> because services are provided in the person’s own homes or apartment.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Shared Living</i> service is an option in the Community Pathways Waiver. Supports can be provided by an individual; couple; or family chosen by the participant.</p> <p>Services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assistance, support, and guidance (e.g., physical assistance, instruction, prompting, modeling, and reinforcement) in the general areas of self-care, health maintenance, decision making, home management, managing personal resources, communication, mobility and transportation, relationship development and socialization, personal adjustment, participating in community functions and activities, and use of community resources; 2. Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services and Transportation.

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July 2019	<p><i>Behavioral Support Services (BSS)</i> provider qualifications and staff requirements were enhanced. Current providers will have up to twelve months to meet the new requirements.</p> <p><i>BSS Consultation</i> service unit was changed from an hourly unit to a 15-minute unit. Services can be billed based on the new 15-minute unit. In order to bill for a unit, 15 minutes of service must be provided.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Environmental Assessment and Environmental Modifications</i> can support participants in <i>Community Living-Group Home and Community Living Enhanced Supports</i> with new accessibility needs (e.g. grab bars, ramp, stair glide, etc.) to support health, safety, access to the home, and independence.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Family and Peer Mentoring Services</i> in the Family Supports Waiver, was updated with service limits to align with the other DDA waivers. Participants authorized above the service limit prior to July 1, 2019 can continue to receive their previously authorized service level until their annual person-centered plan effective date.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Family Caregiver Training and Empowerment Services</i> was updated with service limits to align with the DDA Community Pathways waiver. Participants authorized above the service limit prior to July 1, 2019 can continue to receive their previously authorized service level until their annual person-centered plan effective date.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Nurse Health Case Management services</i> are included in <i>Employment Services, Supported Employment, Community Development Services, Career Exploration, and Day Habilitation</i> services.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services</i> was added to the Family Supports Waiver to support self-direction and delegation services for <i>Personal Supports</i>. Services also include the opportunity for a relative, legal guardian, or legally responsible person to provide the service if authorized by the DDA.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services</i> are included in the <i>Community Living – Group Home, Community Living -Enhanced Supports, Supported Living, and Shared Living</i> services.</p>
July 2019	<p>Self-directed budget authority was added for <i>Nurse Consultation and Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services</i> in the Family Supports Waiver.</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Participant Education, Training and Advocacy Supports</i> was updated in both the Family Supports and Community Supports waivers with service limits to align with the DDA Community Pathways waiver. Participants authorized above the service limit prior to July 1, 2019 can continue to receive their previously authorized service level until their annual person-centered plan effective date.</p>

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July 2019	<p><i>Respite Care Services</i> A daily rate will be used for services provided in a DDA licensed site. An hourly rate will be used for in/out of home services. The hourly services can be provided up to 24 hours in a day. The service limit has been increased to include up to 720 hours/year for total combined daily and hourly <i>Respite Services</i>. In addition, participants can request up to \$7,248 toward camps based on assessed need.</p>
July 2019	<p>Support Broker services was added to the Community Pathways Waiver as an optional waiver service</p>
July 2019	<p><i>Transportation Services</i> was updated with service limits to align with the DDA Community Pathways waiver in both the Family Supports and Community Supports Waiver. Participants authorized above the service limit prior to July 1, 2019 can continue to receive their previously authorized service level until their annual person-centered plan effective date.</p>
Effective Implementation Date	Family Supports Waiver and Community Supports Waiver Cost Caps
July 2019	<p>Cost associated with <i>Assistive Technology, Environmental Modifications, Vehicle Modifications, and Staff Recruitment and Advertisement</i>, are excluded from the total cost budget limit (i.e. funding cap).</p> <p>Once enrolled in the waiver, the DDA Regional Office can authorize additional supports and funding above the cap to meet increased needs based on demonstrated assessed need.</p> <p>To assure the participant’s health and welfare and avoid an adverse impact on the participant to apply to another DDA waiver program, participants with increased needs or changes to cost of services that result in exceeding the waiver individuals cost cap limit, will remain in the waiver as long as appropriate services are available within the waiver.</p>
Effective Implementation Date	Services Provided By Relative/Legal Guardians
July 2019	<p>Participant may use a legal guardian (<i>who is not a spouse</i>), who is appropriately qualified, to provide Community Development Services, Support Broker, Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services, and Personal Supports.</p> <p>Participant may use a relative (who is not a spouse), who is appropriately qualified, to provide Community Development Services, Personal Supports, Supported Employment, Transportation, Nurse Case Management and Delegation Services, and Respite Care Services.</p> <p>The legal guardian or relative (who is not a spouse) may provide these services if the waiver required criteria are met and documented in the participant’s Person-Centered Plan.</p>

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Effective Implementation Date	Services Provided By Legally Responsible Individual
July 2019	The State makes payment to a legally responsible individual, who is appropriately qualified, for providing extraordinary care for the following services: Community Development Services or Personal Supports. The legally responsible individual may provide these services if the waiver required criteria are met and documented in the participant's Person-Centered Plan.
Effective Implementation Date	Background Checks
July 2019	<p>Background screening is required for volunteers who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are recruited as part of an agency's formal volunteer program; and 2. Spend time alone with participants. <p>Criminal background checks are not required for people who interact with or assist individuals as a friend or natural support, by providing assistance with shopping, transportation, recreation, home maintenance and beautification, etc.</p>

RESOURCES

DDA Website: <https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

To view a copy of the approved DDA Waivers Amendment # 1 applications, please visit:

- [**Family Supports Waiver Amendment # 1 2019**](#)
Reference:
<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Family%20Family%20Supports%20Waiver%20Amendment%201.aspx>
- [**Community Supports Waiver - Amendment #1 2019**](#)
Reference:
<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Community%20Supports%20Waiver%20-%20Amendment%201%202019-1.aspx>
- [**Community Pathways Waiver - Amendment #1 2019**](#)
Reference:
<https://dda.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Community%20Pathways%20Waiver%20-%20Amendment%201%202019-1.aspx>