

## ***DD Waiver Operational Changes Frequently Asked Questions***

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) currently has oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Individual and Family Developmental Disabilities Supports (DD) Waiver. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) currently has oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Intellectual Disability (ID) and Day Support (DS) Waivers. On November 12, 2013, DMAS will shift the day-to-day operations of the DD Waiver to DBHDS.

### ***1. What will the changes in the administration of the day-to-day operations of the DD Waiver mean for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families?***

For individuals currently enrolled in the DD Waiver and for those individuals on the waiting list and their families, there will be no discernible changes, as DBHDS will maintain current processes as detailed in the DD Waiver regulations and policy manual. There will be **no** change in the:

- first-come-first served process for the waiting list;
- number and amount of services available;
- selection of case managers;
- development and changes to plans of support;
- availability of providers or provider requirements; and,
- right to appeal changes in services.

### ***2. What will the operational changes mean for DD case managers and waiver service providers?***

Representatives of these groups should experience no discernible changes related to the shift of the day-to-day operations to DBHDS. Services will continue to be provided according to current DD Waiver regulations and policies.

### ***3. Where will the changes be made?***

The changes will be made at the state level by moving some administrative responsibilities from DMAS to DBHDS. DMAS, the single state agency responsible for Virginia's Medicaid Program, will delegate to DBHDS through an Interagency Agreement (IAG), the following responsibilities for the DD waiver:

- development and design of the waiver;
- development of regulations and policies;
- management of the waiting list and enrollment into the DD Waiver;
- approval of service plans and changes to those plans;
- annual evaluation of service plans;
- annual reassessment and documentation for continuing eligibility; and
- annual Level of Functioning (LOF) evaluations.

Note: Prior authorization will continue to be provided through KePRO, the DMAS prior authorization contractor, for the DD Waiver.

***4. How will this enhance the DD Waiver to better support individuals with DD and their families?***

Currently two state agencies, DMAS and DBHDS, provide the day-to-day oversight of the DD, ID and DS Waivers. Moving state level activities from DMAS to DBHDS is consistent with DBHDS' responsibility to plan and coordinate services for individuals with DD, including ID, across the Commonwealth. Once the day-to-day operations are shifted to DBHDS, individuals with DD, including ID, and their families will have a single state agency as point of contact for information about supports and services available to them.

Updates will be provided on the DBHDS website: [www.dbhds.virginia.gov](http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov).