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## **IDD ALL- STATE PROVIDER MEETING**



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Presented by DBHDD, Division of IDD November 12, 2020 9-12:30pm



Topic	Time- (End)	Presenter		
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Welcome and Updates	9:00 am-9:10 am	Ron Wakefield, IDD Division Director		
NOW& COMP Appendix K & COMP Waiver Application Updates  Bed Board Updates	9:10 am-9:35 am	Ashleigh Caseman, Director of Waiver Services LaTonya Williams, State Transition Specialist		
Office of Health and Wellness Updates	9:35 am-9:55 am	Dana Scott, Director Office of Health and Wellness		
Field Operations Updates GCAL Updates	9:55 am-10:10 am	Allen Morgan, Director of Field Operations		
Claim Denial Process Issues and Timely Filing	10:10 am- 10:25 am	Ron Singleton, DD Program Manager		
Behavior Support Services Updates	10:25 am- 10:40 am	Dr. Michelle Ford, Manager of Statewide Behavioral Services		
Beacon Update IDD Connects	10:40am-10:55 am	Beacon Team		
IDD-Connects and HRST	10:55am-11:10 am	Karen Cawthon, Office of Health and Wellness		
Co-existing with COVID- Support Coordination re- engagement plans	11:10am-11:40am	Amy Riedesel, Director Office of Community Services		
Questions and Answers	11:40 am- 12:30 pm	All		

## TODAYS AGENDA



## APPENDIX K and COMP Renewal/NOW Amendment Updates

#### **Ashleigh Caseman**

**Director of Waiver Services** 

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# Appendix K Updates

Appendix K- The changes outlined in Appendix K for the NOW and COMP waivers are temporary policy allowances, temporary rate increases for target services, and temporary retainer payments for specific services, effective March 1, 2020.

Operational Guidelines- currently effective and waiving any conflicting relevant policy

Provisions and flexibilities afforded in the Appendix K set to end 2/28/21

Prepare as an agency for DCH and DBHDD policy pre-PHE to resume on 3/1/21

### Current COMP Waiver Services and Supports



#### These services are set to continue in the COMP 2021 renewal....



- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Behavioral Support Services
- Community Access
- Community Living Supports (with modifications)
- Community Residential Alternative
- In Home and Out of Home Respite
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptation
- Additional Staffing (with modifications)

- Prevocational Services
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Intensive Support Coordination and Support Coordination
- Supported Employment
- Transportation
- Vehicle Adaptation
- Skilled Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Interpreter Services
- Individual Directed Goods and Services
- Financial Support Services

### Telehealth Proposed Changes

Telehealth Option for Adult Speech & Language Therapy (some exceptions) Telehealth
Option for Adult
Occupational
Therapy

Telehealth
Option for Adult
Physical
Therapy

Telehealth
Option for
Nutrition
Services

Telehealth Option for Behavior Support Services (some exceptions)

Telehealth
Option for
Interpreter
Services

Telehealth Option for Supported Employment Services (some exceptions) Note: These are proposed changes by DBHDD&DCH that require approval by CMS

## New Proposed Service-Assistive Technology

Assistive technology\* consists of any technology, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to maintain or improve functional capabilities of Individuals with disabilities by augmenting the Individual's strengths and/or providing an alternative mode of performing a task.

- The need for Assistive Technology must be an identifiable assessed need in the ISP and directly related to the disability.
- The need for adaptive equipment and assistive technology must be identified in the Individual Service Plan and approved by a qualified rehabilitation technician or engineer, occupational therapist, physical therapist, augmented communication therapist or other qualified professional whose signature indicates approval.

<sup>\*</sup>Note this service definition is only a proposal pending CMS approval and is subject to change

## New Proposed Service-Assistive Technology

#### Assistive technology *may* include [subject to change]:

- Communication: Screen readers, display video magnifiers, screen magnification, large keyboards, navigation assistant, augmented and alternative communication, emotion recognition and speech to text
- Personal Emergency Response System: smoke alarm with vibrating pad/flashing light
- Accessibility Software: Alphanumeric, speech amplifiers, electronic speech aids/devices, motion activated electronic devices.
- Cognitive: memory aids (smart pen) and educational software.
- Education: computer accessibility, telecommunication screens, and voiceover
- Home Automation: adaptive locks, motion sensors and audio messages
- Medication Management: Telecare devices

## Proposed Service Modifications

## Community Living Support Services

- Community Living Support services are individually tailored supportive tasks that facilitate an individual's independence and promote integration into the community.
- Community Living Support services is available for individuals who spend periods of time throughout the day with unpaid unsupervised supports and services.

## Additional Staffing Services\* & Nursing Services in CLS Settings

- Modifications to Additional Staffing in CLS settingproposing daily limits of up to 6 hours daily of Additional Staffing services in CLS Settings.
- Modifications to Skilled Nursing Services- proposing daily limits of up to 16 hours daily in CLS Settings.

\*Note Additional Staffing is a separate service line from CLS

## Proposed Service Modifications Continued

#### Community Guide

With the COMP waiver renewal and NOW Amendment,
Community Guide Service will no longer be available for use upon CMS approval of the proposed changes

#### **Natural Supports Training**

With the COMP waiver renewal and NOW amendment, Natural Support Training will no longer be available for use upon CMS approval of the proposed changes

## Service Modifications Continued-Participant Directed

#### PD Supported Employment

With the COMP waiver renewal and the NOW amendment, Supported Employment remains a service available to individuals, but individuals will no longer be able to PD this service.

#### PD Behavioral Support Services

With the COMP waiver renewal and NOW amendment, individuals will no longer be able to self-direct this service.

This service must be provided by licensed and certified staff

## Timeline - Spring 2021 COMP Waiver Renewal

DBHDD/DCH "Virtual Town Halls" October 26, 27, 29

Virtual Town Hall Survey Due: November 6, 2020 DCH Board of Directors initial adoption-November 12, 2020

Final adoption- likely December 10, 2020



Submit COMP Waiver renewal application & NOW amendment to CMS

December 31, 2020

Waiver Renewal 2021

#### IDD Residential Bed Board – For Residential Providers

The IDD Residential Bed Board is a very user-friendly application allowing (CRA) Providers to maintain their current capacity status along with vacancy availability to support referral activities. This system was designed to maintain basic Site-specific information about the capacity and vacancy of the Provider network across the state.

#### What Impact Can Bed Tracking Have on Access?

The IDD Residential Bed Board provides useful information for tracking utilization in real time and planning for needed capacity, as well as a referral source for individuals and families by Support Coordination and DBHDD staff. They can use the information to engage Providers and locate available beds based on:



### IDD Residential Bed Board – Provider Responsibility

Provider Agencies should update the current bed availability in this system <u>within 48</u>
hours of any changes. Providers enter information on bed availability monthly or as changes occur into the "BHL Web Apps" portal under the "IDD Residential Beds" menu.

- Providers select 1 -3 staff members within their organization to be responsible for entering information on bed availability. All user passwords will lapse if the system is not accessed monthly.
- Providers work with DBHDD Bed Board manager to increase system utilization and management of agency sites (additions, inactive sites, correct capacity)

#### IDD Residential Bed Board – For More Information

- Latonya Williams is the Division of DD contact for the IDD Residential Bed Board will respond directly to any requests submitted to this mailbox. Please contact the IDD Residential Bed Board directly via e-mail address: ddresidential.boardrequests@dbhdd.ga.gov.
- The IDD Residential Bed Board can be found here: https://bhlweb.com.

Training for the IDD Residential Bed Board can be found here within the Provider Toolkit: https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/document/document/idd-residential-beds-user-training/download

# DBHDD Office of Health and Wellness Update

#### Dana Scott MSN, RN

Director of Office of Health and Wellness

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#### Georgia's DBHDD OHW Update

In order to ensure our I/DD provider network is informed of planned activities and available resources

#### Ongoing work

- Partnering with SC agencies to develop reengagement strategy
- COVID-19 follow-up with Providers
- Remote clinical screening
- Emory Curriculum January 2021
- Provider training re: clinical Policies HCP's/RN oversight

# Infection Control Toolkit. Some elements of this document include:

- Provider Education
- COVID -19 Fact Sheet
- PPE Flip Chart
- Mask Fact Sheet
- Social Stories
- Healthcare Support Plans

## Field Operations and GCAL Updates

#### **Allen Morgan**

Director of Field Operations

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## Field Operations Staffing Changes

Region 2

Josie Baker RSA

Vivia Black RSA

Region 5

Ramona Pullin RSA

## Field Operations Updates

Staff losses due to budget cuts and system changes:

Planning List Administrators and State Service Coordinators reduced by 21 (33%) statewide

Planning List Administration Supervisors reduced from six to three

Social Workers reduced by five across the state

Community Case Expeditors reduced by from six to five

Elimination of the Regional physician positions (six)

## Field Operations Updates – GCAL Functions

**Key Functions** 

GCAL provides telephonic crisis intervention, clinical triage, and referral for Georgians in need 24/7/365.

Other key functions of GCAL include:

24/7/365 Mobile Crisis **Dispatch** for all State Funded Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Mobile Crisis Response Teams

24/7/365 Single Point of Entry for State Contracted Inpatient Beds

## Field Operations Updates – GCAL Functions

Other key functions of GCAL include:

24/7/365 Preferred Point of Entry for Crisis Stabilization Units and State Hospitals

24/7/365 Initial Authorization for CSU, State Hospital, and State Contracted Inpatient Bed Admissions

#### **NOT** functions of GCAL:



Replacement for having and implementing a behavior support plan

**Behavioral Data Collection** 

# Denial Process Issues and Timely Filing

#### **Ronald Singleton**

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## GAMMIS Provider Messages

#### www.mmis.georgia.gov

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#### **DBHDD Presentation Material**

#### Disclaimer

The material in the presentation was prepared by Gainwell Technologies, formerly known as DXC Technology. The original presentations related to billing for Medicaid programs are currently posted on the GAMMIS website at <a href="https://www.mmis.georgia.gov">www.mmis.georgia.gov</a>.



## Gainwell Technologies



#### **Gainwell Technologies**

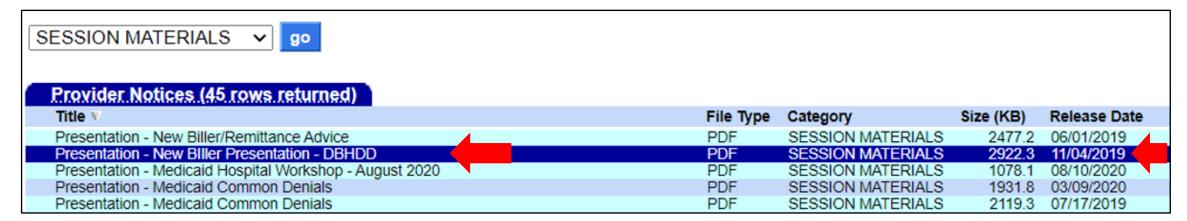
Gainwell Technologies is the fiscal agent for Georgia Medicaid. DCH has contracted with Gainwell Technologies (formally DXC Technology) to provide the day-to-day services necessary for the Medicaid program to function. Duties include:

- Answering member and provider phone calls through the contact center
- Answering incoming correspondence
- Processing claims
- Resolving claim denials
- Issuing member ID cards
- Enrolling providers

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#### Gainwell (DXC Technology) Billing Presentations



#### **DBHDD Common Billing Denials**

#### **Common Denials**

- 535: Adjustment exceeds timely filing period
- 3000: PA units exhausted or partially available
- 3011: DOS not within PA/Precert effective dates
- 4021: No Coverage for Billed Procedure
- 5035, 5037 or 5042: Exact Duplicate
- 5038 or 5043: Possible Duplicate
- 5044: Possible conflict (with another waiver)
- 5115: Service not allowed during hospital stay

#### GAMMIS Timely Filing Rules

## **Timely Filing Rules**

6 Months

For most providers, timely filing is six months from the month of service (MOS) – the month the service was rendered by the provider. However, there are variations which you should be aware:

3 Months

- Claim adjustment Within three months of the month of payment
- Claim resubmission Within three months of the month the denial occurred
- Crossover claim Within 12 months of MOS
- Secondary/TPL claim Within 12 months of MOS

**12 Months** 

One year (365 days) Claims Submission Edit (NEW)

#### GAMMIS Timely Filing Rules Continued

## One Year (365 Days) Claim Submission Edit

**Example:** 

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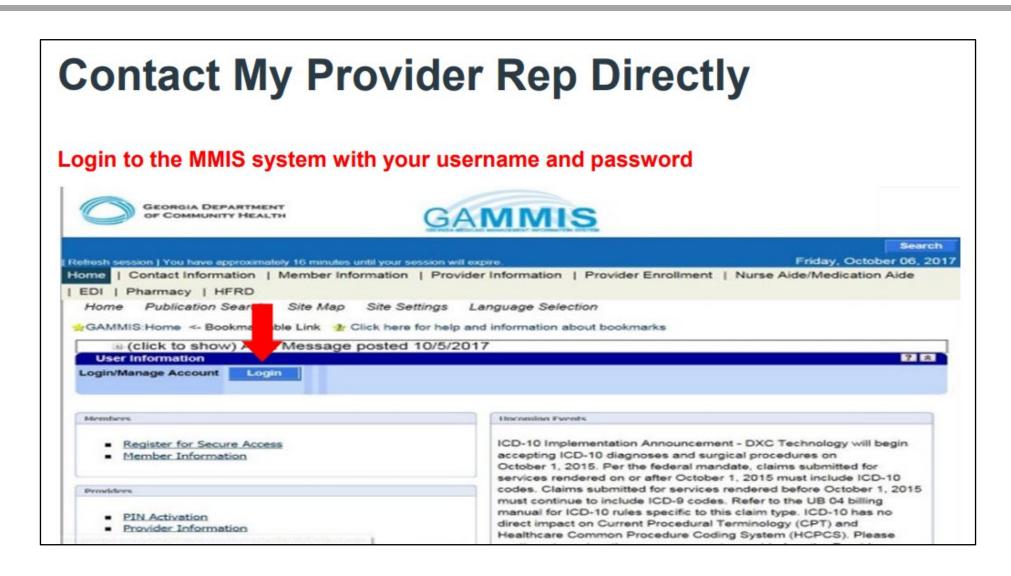
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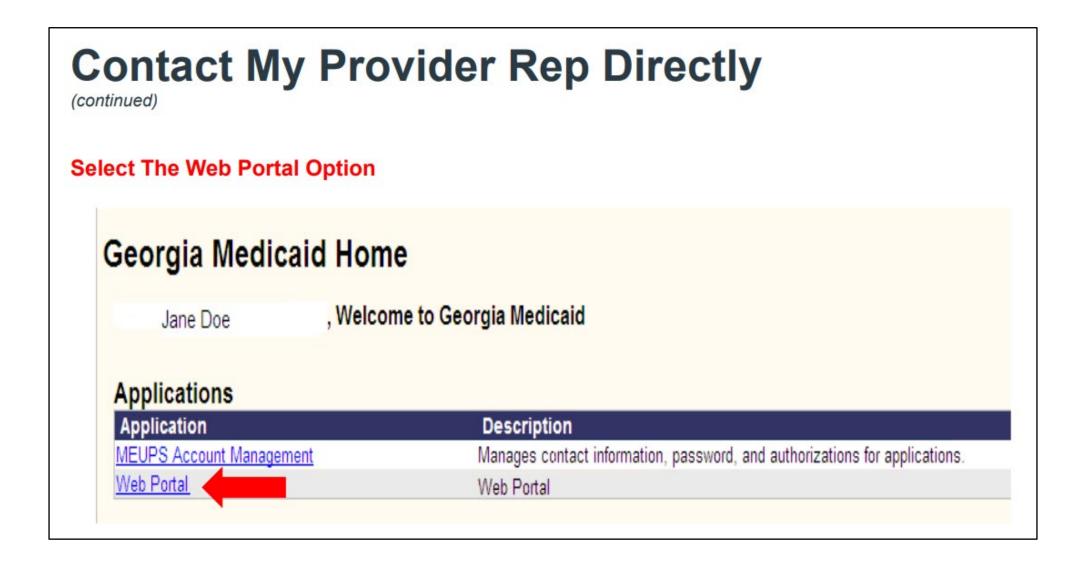
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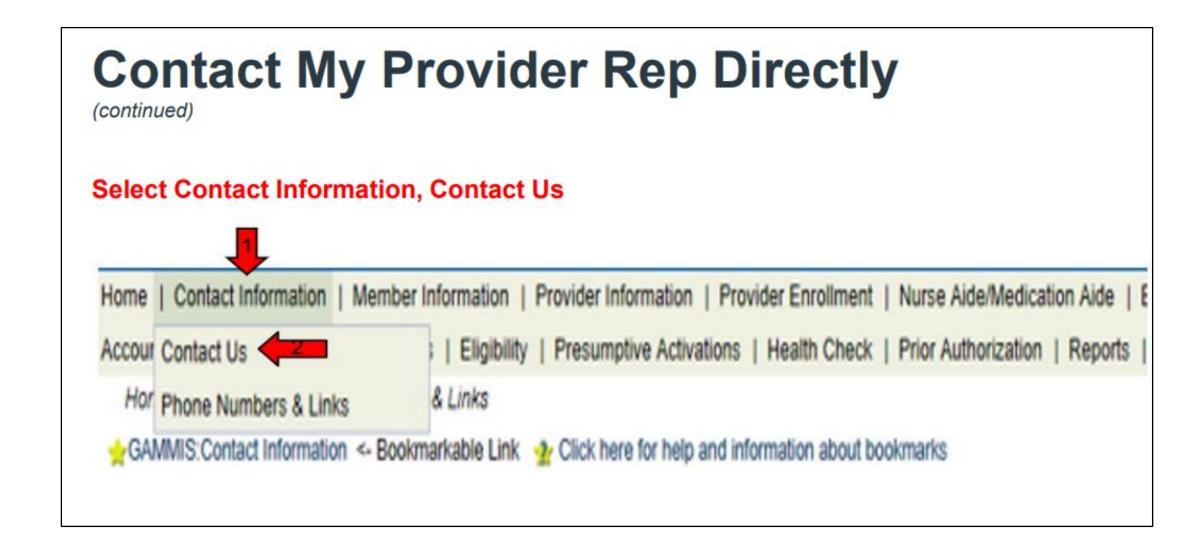
- All claim submissions and adjustments to denied claims are to be completed according to policy by 365 days. Other timely submission and resubmission system edits will remain in GAMMIS according to policy (there is no time limit for adjusting a claim that reverses payment back to the Department).
- Please refer to the Georgia Medicaid Part 1 Policies and Procedures Manual, Chapter 200. The Timely Resubmission policy outlined in Section 204 will still be enforced to include this new one year or 365 days guideline.

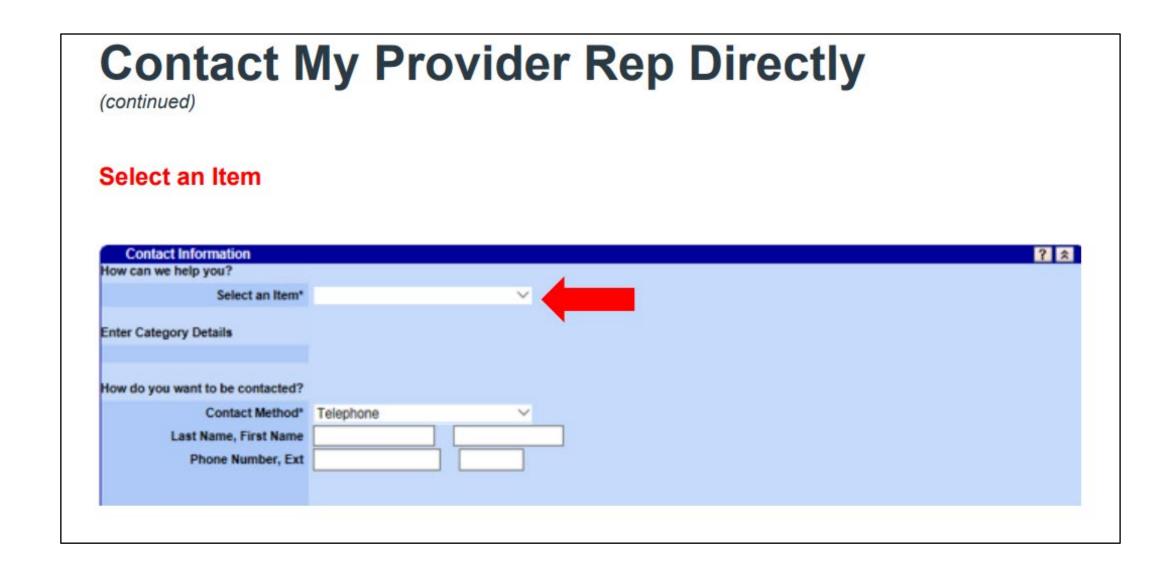
- \*Banner Message posted June 14, 2017

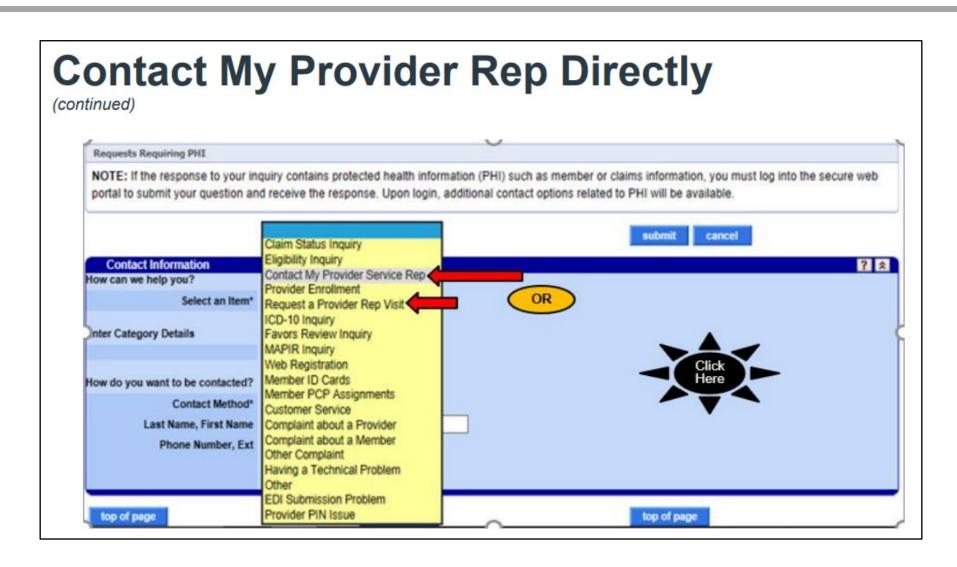
**Provider Message** 



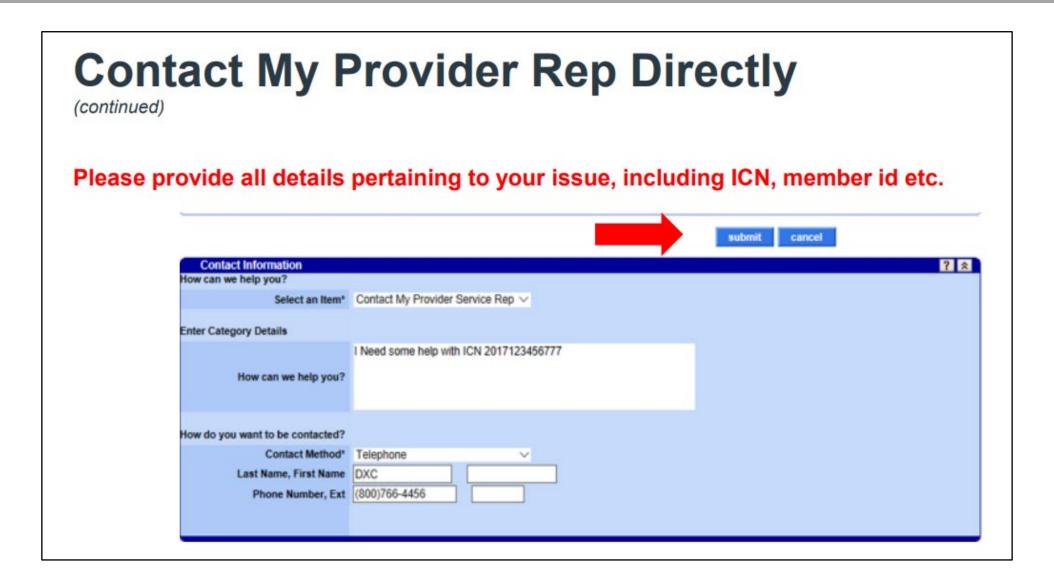








#### Contacting Your Provider Representative



## Contacting Your Provider Representative

#### **Contact My Provider Rep Directly** (continued) The following messages were generated: Your request has been processed. Your tracking number is 20763193. Providers may call the Provider Contact Center at (770) 320-3000 or toil-rice at (800) 766-4456. Members may call the Member Contact Center at (770) 325-2331 or toll-free at (866) 211-0950. **Contact Information** ? ^ How can we help you? Select an Item\* | Contact My Provider Service Rep **Enter Category Details** test How can we help you? How do you want to be contacted? Contact Method\* Telephone Last Name, First Name HP test Phone Number, Ext (800)766-4456

# Contacting Your Provider Representative Continued

#### **Provider Services Contact Center**

PSCC assists providers with inquiries regarding claims status, eligibility coverage, prior authorization, remittance advice, demographic changes, and other Medicaid questions. PSCC is available:

- **1-800-766-4456**
- Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays)
- > 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
- Providers can also use the "Contact Us" link on GAMMIS

#### Contacting Your Provider Representative Continued

# **Contacting Gainwell Technologies**

- Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS)
- Provider Services Contact Center (PSCC)
- Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS)
- Provider Relations Representatives

## Contacting Your Provider Representative Continued

#### **IVRS Overview**

The Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) allows users to call and conduct inquiries or transactions on the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) using a touch-tone telephone.

800-766-4456		
Option 1	Member Eligibility	
Option 2	Claims Status	
Option 3	Payment Information	
Option 4	Provider Enrollment	
Option 5	Prior Authorization	
Option 6	GAMMIS website password reset, Pharmacy Benefits, the Nurse Aide Registry or Nurse Aide Training program, PeachCare for Kids® EDI submission or electronic claim submission, or a system overview	

#### Upcoming NOW and COMP Service Modification

# **Transportation Services**

Transportation Services provide transportation for the individual to waiver services and other community services, activities, resources, and organizations typically utilized by the general population. These services include:

- (1) One-way or round trips provided by Georgia licensed drivers and/or DD Service Agencies; and
- (2) Transit by commercial carrier available to the community at large.

#### Present Basis for Reimbursement

Maximum rate per unit = \$13.78

- A. Unit of service: encounter/one-way trip or commercial carrier/multipass.
- B. Annual maximum is 203 units for encounter/one-way trip.
- C. Annual maximum for all Transportation Services, including encounter/one-way and commercial carrier/multipass, is \$2,797.34 per individual.

#### **Future Basis for Reimbursement**

Maximum rate per unit = \$1.00

- A. 1 Unit = \$1.00: encounter/one-way trip or commercial carrier/multipass.
- B. Annual maximum is 2797 units for encounter/one-way trip and commercial carrier/multipass.
- C. Annual maximum for all Transportation Services, including encounter/one-way and commercial carrier/multipass, is \$2,797 per individual.

Mileage Rates are established by the provider agency but must use a methodology of comparable transportation rates.

#### **Prior Authorization**

	Present Authorization ——		
Detailed Service Description ¢	Procedure Code	Units ¢	Authorized Amount #
Transportation Encounter/Trip	T2003	203	\$ 2797.34

Future Authorization ————————————————————————————————————			
Detailed Service Description +	Procedure Code	Units ¢	Authorized Amount +
Transportation Encounter/Trip	T2003	2797	\$ 2797

# Billing for Encounter/One-Way Trip

#### PRESENT @ \$13.78 PER UNIT

RATE PER MILE	MILES PER ENCOUNTER/ONE-WAY TRIP	COST PER ENCOUNTER/ONE-WAY TRIP	AMOUNT BILLED	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE @ 203 UNITS
\$1.95	5	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$4.03	\$818.09
\$1.95	10	\$19.50	\$13.78	(\$5.72)	(\$1,161.16)

#### **FUTURE @ \$1.00 = 1 UNIT**

RATE PER MILE	MILES PER ENCOUNTER/ONE-WAY TRIP	COST PER ENCOUNTER/ONE-WAY TRIP	AMOUNT BILLED	DIFFERENCE	DIFFERENCE @ \$2,797 DOLLARS
\$1.95	5	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$0.00	\$2,787.25
\$1.95	10	\$19.50	\$19.50	\$0.00	\$2,777.50

# Billing for Encounter/One-Way Trip Continued



Although Transportation Services will be authorized using the '\$1.00 = 1 Unit', the units entered for billing can be in fractions when necessary to capture dollars and cents.

# Positive Behavior Support Services

#### Michelle E. Ford, Ph.D.

Manager of Statewide Behavioral Services

Office of Health and Wellness

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#### Updates

Behavior
Analysis Peer
Review
Committee
(BAPRC)Consultations
and Training

Increase
Network of
Providers
through
Education &
Enrollment
University of
Georgia

Positive
Behavior
Supports
(PBS)
Curriculum
Training
SeriesModifications

#### Restructure of Behavior Analysis Peer Review Committee

#### Identification of Individual

- High Risk Individuals with Complex Behavioral Needs
- In Family Home, Residential/Day, Crisis Home, or in Transition

Involvement of Behavior Supports Provider

Team of 2 PRC Members Assigned to a Case

#### Protocol for Technical Assistance & Support

- Initial Consultation virtually with BSS Provider, Residential Team, Family
- PRC Recommendations & Follow-Up Plan
- Multiple Sessions with PRC Team over a 60-day period.
- Communication with Field Ops, Providers, Family on Progress

#### **Increase Network of BSS Providers**

UGA-Center Autism & Behavioral Education Research

DBHDD
Continuing
Education and
Training

Provider Enrollment Outreach

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

Positive Behavior
Support (PBS) Training
Curriculum- 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition
Dr. Dennis H. Reid,
Marsha Parsons, and
Dr. David Rotholz

- Designed for training direct support professionals & supervisors in the principles and practices of positive behavior supports
- Teaches strategies that create a respectful individual-staff environment
- Curriculum consists of 25 modules
- Maximum class size is 15 for train the trainer for 5 training days
- Competency based requiring participants to demonstrate a mastery of knowledge and skills
- The supervisor modules help train supervisors to become effective managers
- The trainer is observed on the job location site by trained DBHDD behavioral services staff to demonstrate the teaching.

## **PBS Training Modifications**

- Virtual Platform for Module and competency-based training
- 5 consecutive days of training to completion over a 2-week period
- Reduction of maximum class size to 10 participants
- Consideration of remote agency participation in groups of 2 or 3
- Anticipated scheduling of PBS training series- late January early February 2021
- Follow-up observation of the trainer on the job location site by DBHDD behavioral services staff to demonstrate the teaching-TBD

#### Central Behavior Supports Mailbox

#### Behavior.supports@dbhdd.ga.gov

#### **Questions/Concerns/Observations/Feedback:**

- Behavior Support Service delivery
- Clinical Oversight
- New behavior provider inquiries by region
- Training Inquiries
- Resources

# **BEACON Updates**

#### **Beacon Team**

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## **Contact Information**

Questions/Concerns	Contact
IDD Portal/ProviderConnect Access Prior Authorization (PA) Individual Service Plan (ISP)	Customer Service Line: 855.606.2725 or Provider Connect Inquiry
<ul> <li>Escalated/Complex Issues regarding:</li> <li>Approved Services</li> <li>Medicaid Ids</li> <li>Service addresses</li> <li>BSS Staff Validation</li> <li>Communication Listserve Access Training</li> </ul>	GAcollaborativePR@beaconhealthoptions.com
<ul> <li>Credentialing</li> <li>Change of address</li> <li>Add services</li> <li>Staff updates</li> <li>Add Counties</li> <li>Update insurance, accreditation, licenses</li> </ul>	GACollaborative@beaconhealthoptions.com — Questions ONLY GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com — Document Submission

#### IDD Training Resources

- Providers will be able to access training materials on the Georgia Collaborative ASO website <a href="www.georgiacollaborative.com">www.georgiacollaborative.com</a>. Within the website there are a number of Resources available to assist the Providers in navigating IDD Connects. Under the Providers tab within the GA ASO website, the Provider will find additional information under the IDD Connects tab, including the User Guides, Resources, Announcements, Upcoming/Recently held trainings, and previous Bi-Weekly Provider Touch-Base meetings. The Provider clicks <a href="here">here</a> to directly access the User Guides.
- The Provider Relations department also facilitates Provider Meetings to address:
  - New IDDC releases (items deployed in production).
  - Current bugs/defects that pertain to Providers.
  - Technical Assistance for common issues, i.e. resetting passwords, printing, etc.
  - Specific Trainings as needed designated by DHBDD.

# IDD Connects and HRST Updates

#### **Karen Cawthon**

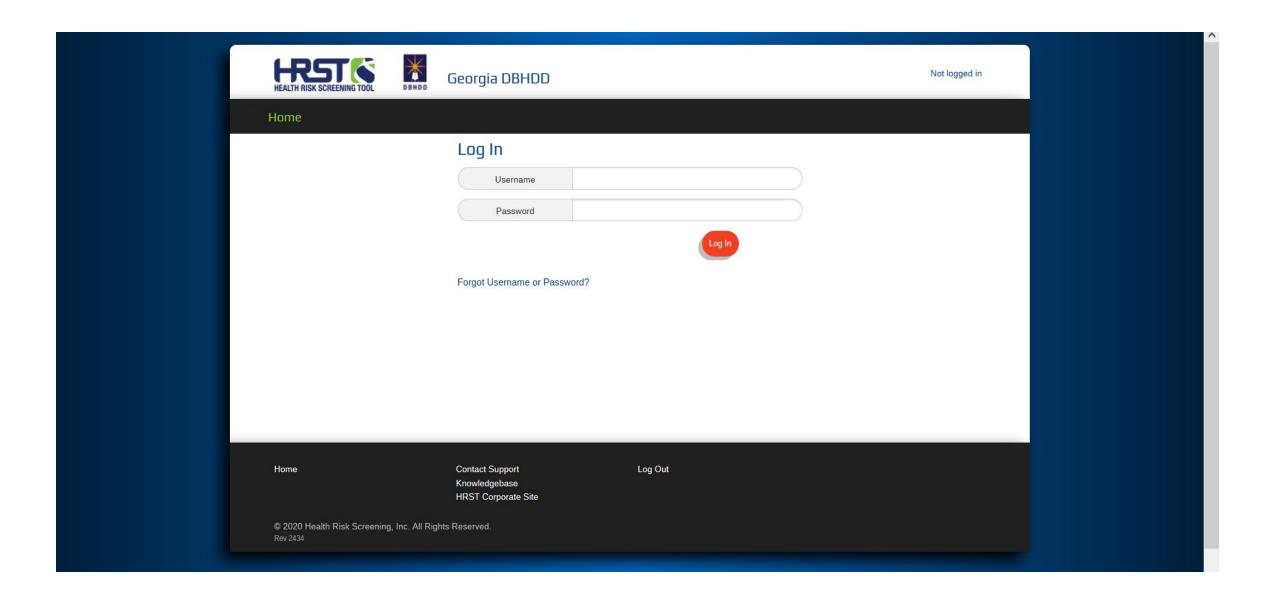
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#### **HRST Log In Information**



#### Troubleshooting HRST Log In Issues

Use a web browser that supports HRST and IDD Connects

 Provider Connect, IDD Connect, & HRST are three different applications. Log into HRST using your IDD Connect Username and Password. Not Provider Connect.

You cannot reset password for HRST in Provider Connect. Reset IDD Connect Password using the following link: <a href="https://idd.georgiacollaborative.com/IDDPortal/provider">https://idd.georgiacollaborative.com/IDDPortal/provider</a>

#### Troubleshooting HRST Log In Issues

• Emails for resetting password often are found in Junk Mail. If you do not receive an email, ask HRST what email address was used when you registered for IDD Connect.

 Locked IDD Connect Accounts may occur when resetting passwords. Email HRST Help who will communicate with Beacon and DBHDD Designee to unlock user accounts related to HRST Access.

#### Resetting IDD Connect Password

- The site you would want to use
   is: https://idd.georgiacollaborative.com/IDDPortal/provider
- You would click on Forgot Password, and then enter your IDD username. If you do not remember username HRST or Beacon Support Team can provide that information to you.
- This will send an email to the address on file, there you would click on the link to change your password. If it is your first time accessing secured email you will be prompted to register to read encrypted email prior to clicking on link to change your password.
- Once you have changed your password, the password for HRST will also be updated.

#### Creating Provider User Accounts for HRST

#### Provider Connect > IDD Connects > HRST Application

- 1. Provider User Accounts are created in Provider Connect. Instructions are available to Provider Connect Super Users.
- 2. Provider User will log into Provider Connect, Click on IDD Connect Portal and Register in IDD Connect. You are encouraged to use the same Username as Provider Connect.
- 3. Once registration is completed in IDD Connects user account information is sent to HRST.
- 4. User Account is created in HRST and defaults to view only.
- 5. User must email HRST Support Team @ gasupport@hrstonline.com to add additional roles previously assigned. For example: Rater and Clinical Reviewer

# HRST Support Team: gasupport@hrstonline.com

 HRST Support Team is available to assist to resolve Log In issues @ gasupport@hrstonline.com

 Email HRST Support Team to register for HRST Online Rater Course @ gasupport@hrstonline.com after you have created the IDD Connect User Account. Include IDD Connect Username and User's First/Last Name in email.

# Support Coordination Re-Engagement with In-Person Visits

Amy Riedesel, Director Office of Community Services
Robert Bell, Director of Community Supports
Office of Community Services
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#### Face to Face Visits of SC/ ISCs

- Face to face visits of individuals in waivers services to begin Nov. 30,2020
- 2 SC Agencies will schedule visits
- Prior to visit access to individuals' documentation is DBHDD expectation
- Expectation to follow PPE protocols
- Phase I visits focused on identified individuals with health and safety concerns

#### DBHDD Expectations of Providers

Staff use of PPE

Access to information

Access via video capable telehealth means

Individuals to wear PPE as able

Reporting of Covid + or exposures

Communication with SC and DBHDD

Follow CDC guidance

Governor's EO to give access

#### Process

SC to request paper/electronic documentation prior to visit

SC to visit
virtually with video
capable
telehealth means
whenever
possible

Pre-screening tool with Covid-19 questions prior to visits

# 9.30.2020 State of Georgia Executive Order

September 30, 2020- page 12

ORDERED: "That nothing in the order shall prohibit individuals providing support coordination services through funding from the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Code Sections 37-5-1 et seq. from having access to or conducting health and safety visits within Long-Term Care Facilities."

https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020executive-orders

#### Appendix K Operation Guidance

Appendix K Operational Guidance can be found on DBHDD PolicyStat at:

https://gadbhdd.policystat.com/policy/8618606/latest/

C. 11 Support Coordination, Intensive Support Coordination Visits- The following guidance is in addition to, and not in limitation or derogation of, the provisions and requirements of DBHDD Policy 02-434.

Support Coordination and Intensive Support Coordination shall have access to individuals receiving NOW and COMP waiver services. As declared in the State of Georgia Executive Order 09.30.20.02 and Executive Order 10.30.20.02, "nothing in this order shall prohibit individuals providing support coordination services through funding from the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Code Sections 37-5-1 et seq. from having access to or conducting health and safety visits within Long Term Care Facilities" (see page 12 of both referenced Executive Orders). To review the Executive Orders visit https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders/2020-executive-orders

# Appendix K Operational Guidance- slide 2

- Support Coordination shall have access to information on waiver participants, and to face to face in-person contact with the waiver participants themselves, including, but not limited to:
- Access to all individual records, electronic and paper as applicable, be made available for review within three (3) business days of the written request via email by Support Coordination;
- Video access to an individual via an electronic device equipped with audio and video transmission and receiving capabilities (smartphone, computer with webcam and microphone and speakers, tablet, etc.) when such devices are supported by internet access at sufficient speeds and bandwidths to ensure clear and uninterrupted transmission of audio and video.
  - Exceptions to video access will be made for geographic locations which lack the required infrastructure (e.g. internet access or mobile phone coverage) to complete video contacts as described above. The individual's provider must document and send to DBHDD Regional Office Regional Services Administrator via email the provider's inability to acquire broadband service/e capability. Such an e-mail must include in the subject line of the email to the RSA- Email Subject: "Electronic Access."

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Providers are required to allow an SC/ISC face to face, in-person visitation access to an individual when determined necessary by DBHDD or the Support Coordination/Intensive Support Coordination agency for health and safety concerns. ISC/SC agencies are required to conduct face to face, in-person visits when requested by DBHDD.

\*Please note It is the expectation that all PPE parameters are followed by staff and individuals (to the best of the individual's abilities).

Guidance for PPE protocols, training and <u>more</u> can be found on the CDC website at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html</a>.

ISC/SC Agency staff must use a COIVD-19 screening tool that contains, at minimum, the requirements and elements recommended by the most current CDC guidance. Guidance for social distancing, based on the most current guidelines issued by the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health, should be observed during any ISC/SC visit. Compliance with CDC and GA Department of Public Health guidance on the use of PPE is expected at all times and will be assessed and recorded by the ISC/SC staff completing the onsite visits.

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