

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

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- **BE RESPECTFUL**
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- **BE EXCEPTIONAL**
- **BE** INSPIRED
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- **BE ACCOUNTABLE**
- **BE** INFORMED
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- **BE HOPEFUL**
- **BE CONNECTED**

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Meeting:	DBHDD IDD Provider Meetings March 11th -UGA Tifton Campus Conf Center - 15 R D C Rd, Tifton, GA 31794						
Dates/Locations:		lerson Conference Center - 5171 Eisenhower Pkwy. Ste. D, Macon, GA 31206 ouglasville Conference Center - 6700 Church St, Douglasville, GA 30134					
Торіс	Time	Presenter					
Opening Welcome	9:00 am- 9:20 am	Ron Wakefield, Division Director, DBHDD					
NOW/COMP Waiver Rate Increase Update Service Updates	9:20am- 10:00am	Ron Singleton, Budget Manager, DBHDD					
Transitioning Individuals	10:00am- 10:15am	Carol Love, Regional Services Administrator, DBHDD					
Nursing Updates	10:15am- 10:30am	Shannon Smith, Nursing Director, DBHDD Karen Cawthon, OHW Project Manager, DBHDD					
Investigation Trends	10:30am- 11:00am	Terri Kight, Director of Office of Investigations, Division of Accountability and Compliance, DBHDD Fran Perrault-Strong, Manager, Death and Behavioral Health Investigations, DBHDD Allison Cottew, Manager, Special Investigations and Corrective Action Plans, DBHDD Julie Steinbeck, Manager, DD Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation Investigations, DBHDD					
Statewide Services with Georgia Uplift	11:00am- 11:30am	Michelle Maxwell, South Andrea Cook, Central Yuli Fernandez, North					
Update on Background Checks Systems and Processes	11:30am- 12:00pm	Jennifer Rybak-Gibbons, Director, Office of Incident Management and Compliance Keisha Davis, Assistant Director, Office of Incident Management and Compliance					
All Audience Provider Q/A	12:00pm- 12:30pm	All DBHDD staff – responding to written questions from audience					



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Opening Welcome & Updates Ron Wakefield, IDD Division Director DBHDD

NOW & COMP Rate Increase Update & Upcoming Services Implementation

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Ron Singleton DD Budget Manager Division of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities March 2025



Today's agenda

Rate Implementation Update

Phase 5

Manual PA Service Line Updates: Regional Field Office

PA Roll-Up Project

Miscellaneous Claim Denials

NOW & COMP Billing Tips

New Services Implementation



NOW & COMP Rate Increase Rate Implementation Update

DBHDD Special Bulletin: February 21, 2025

Special Bulletin		February 21, 2025
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DBHDD Office of Provider Relations

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NOW & COMP Rate Increase

Phase 5

Rate Implementation Phases Project Purpose

Increase the Authorized Amount (Amount Allowed) of Prior Authorization Service Lines for Services with Rate Increases

Line #	Rate Status	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
1	Pre-Rate Increase	Any Service	10	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	07/01/2024	06/31/2025
	Post-Rate Increase	Any Service	10	\$125.00	\$1,250.00	07/01/2024	06/31/2025



Phase 5 Overview

Outstanding Prior Authorizations Corrections: Examples

Example #1: PA Service Lines That Didn't Split

Pre-Proce	essed Service Line					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
1	Support Coordination	12	\$187.43	\$2,249.16	11/01/2023	10/31/2024

Processe	d Service Lines					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
1	Support Coordination	8	\$187.43	\$1,499.44	11/01/2023	06/30/2024
2	Support Coordination	4	\$209.97	\$839.88	07/01/2024	10/31/2024



Phase 5 Overview

Outstanding Prior Authorizations Corrections: Examples

Example #1: PA Service Lines That Didn't Split (Financial Impact)

Financial	Impact					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
2	Support Coordination	4	\$209.97	\$8 39 .88	07/01/2024	10/31/2024
2	Support Coordination	4	\$209.97	\$749.72	07/01/2024	10/31/2024
				4 X \$187.43 = \$749.7 Amount Based on Previous Rate	2	



Phase 5 Overview

Outstanding Prior Authorizations Corrections: Examples

Example #2: PA Service Lines' Authorized Amount Didn't Increase

Financial	Impact					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
2	Support Coordination	4	\$209.97	\$83 9 .88	07/01/2024	10/31/2024
2	Support Coordination	4	\$209.97	\$749.72	07/01/2024	10/31/2024
				4 X \$187.43 = <mark>\$749.7</mark> Amount Based on Previous Rate	2	



NOW & COMP Rate Increase Manual PA Service Line Updates: Regional Field Office



PA Service Line Adjustments: Regional Field Offices

Upon the completion of all Phases, the Regional Field Offices are prepared to adjust **units** between the adjusted (split) service lines.

Pre-Proce	ssed Service Line					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
1	Medical Supplies	1000	\$1.00	\$1,000.00	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

Processe	d Service Lines					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
1	Medical Supplies	500	\$1.00	\$500.00	01/01/2024	06/30/2024
2	Medical Supplies	500	\$1.00	\$500.00	07/01/2024	12/31/2024

Regional	Field Office Update					
Line #	Service Name	Units	Rate	Authorized Amount	Start Date	End Date
1	Medical Supplies	100	\$1.00	\$100.00	01/01/2024	06/30/2024
2	Medical Supplies	900	\$1.00	\$900.00	07/01/2024	12/31/2024



NOW & COMP Rate Increase PA Roll-Up Project

The Georgia Collaborative Newsletter: October 8, 2024



Thank – you, Georgia Collaborative ASO



October 8, 2024, Newsletter: "Layman's Terms"

Every individual in the NOW and COMP will have one prior authorization (PA) at a time, typically with a span of 365 days. Each PA has a unique number, and the PA will have one or more service lines associated.

STANDARD FORMAT				
Prior Authorization #	Line #	Service Name	Start Date	End Date
	1	Support Coordination	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555550000	2	Specialized Medical Supplies	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555550000	3	Supported Employment - Individual	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
	4	Community Access - Group	10/01/2024	09/30/2025

Several individuals had multiple PAs that were sent to Medicaid with overlapping dates. Each PA had one service line associated.

INCORRECT FORMAT				
Prior Authorization #	Line #	Service Name	Start Date	End Date
55555550000	1	Support Coordination	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555550010	1	Specialized Medical Supplies	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555550020	1	Supported Employment - Individual	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555550030	1	Community Access - Group	10/01/2024	09/30/2025



PA Roll-Up Process

Resubmitting the multiple PAs for each individual would result in the additional PAs and services "rolling-up" or merging with the first PA that was created for the first service line.

RESUBMISSION TO MEDICAID				
Prior Authorization #	Line #	Service Name	Start Date	End Date
55555555000	1	Support Coordination	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555555010	1	Specialized Medical Supplies	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555555020	1	Supported Employment - Individual	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
55555555030	1	Community Access - Group	10/01/2024	09/30/2025

EXPECTED OUTCOME				
Prior Authorization #	Line #	Service Name	Start Date	End Date
5555555000	1	Support Coordination	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
	2	Specialized Medical Supplies	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
	3	Supported Employment - Individual	10/01/2024	09/30/2025
	4	Community Access - Group	10/01/2024	09/30/2025



PA Roll-Up Process: Complications

The additional PAs with paid claims posted did not "roll-up" or merge with the initial PA created, resulting in a request to the billing provider to void the paid claims.

After the void(s), the PA would be resubmitted to Medicaid.

RESUBMISSION TO MEDICAID					
Prior Authorization #	Line #	Service Name	Start Date	End Date	Paid Claims
55555555000	1	Support Coordination	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	N/A
55555555010	1	Specialized Medical Supplies	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	NO
55555555020	1	Supported Employment - Individual	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	NO
55555555030	1	Community Access - Group	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	YES

RESUBMISSION OUTCOME					
Prior Authorization #	Line #	Service Name	Start Date	End Date	Paid Claims
	1	Support Coordination	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	N/A
55555555000	2	Specialized Medical Supplies	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	NO
	3	Supported Employment - Individual	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	NO
55555555030	1	Community Access - Group	10/01/2024	09/30/2025	YES



NOW & COMP Rate Increase Miscellaneous Claim Denials



Miscellaneous Claim Denials

To reprocess claims with a date of service of July 1, 2024, or after, Gainwell voided previously paid claims. After the PA updates, these claims were then resubmitted with the higher rate(s).

Phase 4: 1/22/2025 - 2/3/2025

During the week beginning 1/25/2025 through 1/29/2025, providers are asked to withhold submitting new claims or claims adjustments so
updates to PAs can occur. Note, any claims received during this window will be held in suspense and not released until 1/30/2024. Providers can
resume claims submission as of 9:00am on the morning of Thursday, 1/30/2024.

Miscellaneous Claim Denial Examples

- 1ST DIAGNOSIS IS A HEADER OR PARENT CODE
- MEMBER INELIGIBLE ON DETAIL DATE OF SERVICE
- REND PROV NOT ELIGIBLE TO RENDER SVC ON THIS PGM
- MEMBER HAS ELECTED TO RECEIVE HOSPICE SERVICES
- MEMBER SERVICES COVERED BY CMO PLAN
- CLAIM DTE OF SVC/MEMBER DTE OF DEATH CONFLICT-DTL
- SERVICE NOT ALLOWED DURING HOSPITAL STAY-DTL



NOW & COMP Rate Increase NOW & COMP Billing Tips



Guidance and Troubleshooting for Billing & Claims

If you have any questions regarding the billing process or experience billing difficulties with NOW and/or COMP services, please be sure to reach out to your Gainwell Representative for assistance. Information and guidance for contact information can be found at: https://www.mmis.georgia.gov



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Contacting the Department of Community Health (DCH)

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Contacting PIMS (Provider Issue Management System)

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Contacting PIMS (Provider Issue Management System)

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NOW & COMP Billing Tips: Part 1 - Rate Implementation

The Medicaid system (GAMMIS) is <u>currently</u> programmed to reimburse providers based on the rate(s) listed in the Fee Schedule (Rate Table).

Service Example				
Service	Unit	Procedure Code	Rate	Effective Date
Residential Care	Daily	T2032-U1	\$250.00	07/01/2024

Provider Rates - Procedure Pricing (000111222ZZ)								
Proc Code		[Search]	I					
Procedure	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Modifier 4	Rate	Rate Type	Effective Date	End Date
T2032	U1				\$250.00	681 - COS 681	07/01/2024	12/31/2299
T2032	U1				\$200.00	681 - COS 681	07/01/2022	06/30/2024

NOW & COMP Billing Tips: Part 2 - Web Portal Billing

GAMMIS Web Portal (Modified) Billing Fields





NOW & COMP Billing Tips: Part 2A - Web Portal Billing

GAMMIS Web Portal (Modified) Billing Fields & Reimbursement (Paid) Amounts





NOW & COMP Billing Tips: Part 3 - Rate Implementation

Upon completion of the DCH/Gainwell Phase 5, the Medicaid system (GAMMIS) will be reprogrammed to reimburse providers **up to** the rate(s) listed in the Fee Schedule (Rate Table).

Service Example				
Service	Unit	Procedure Code	Rate	Effective Date
Residential Care	Daily	T2032-U1	\$250.00	07/01/2024

Provider Rates - Procedure Pricing (000111222ZZ)								
Proc Code		[Search]	I					
Procedure	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Modifier 4	Rate	Rate Type	Effective Date	End Date
T2032	U1				\$250.00	681 - COS 681	07/01/2024	12/31/2299
T2032	U1				\$200.00	681 - COS 681	07/01/2022	06/30/2024

NOW & COMP Billing Tips: Part 3A - Web Portal Billing

GAMMIS Web Portal (Modified) Billing Fields & Reimbursement (Paid) Amounts







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	Dear Georgia Medicaid Providers and Stakeholders:						
	The Department of Community Health (DCH) and Gainwell Technologies encourage you to save the date for our Face-to-Face Medicaid Fair!						
	New Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 UGA Tifton Conference Center 15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA 31794						



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Provider Notices

Provider Notices (more than 150 available)

Title	File Type	Category	Size (KB)	Release Date
Presentation - New Biller-Web Portal Navigation	PDF	SESSION MATERIALS	5161.9	02/01/2025
Structured Family Care Background Check - Applicant Instructions	PDF	FAQ FOR PROVIDERS	198	01/31/2025
Nurse Aide Registry Adverse Findings Letter and Quarterly Report - January 2025	PDF	NURSE AIDE	711.8	01/01/2025
Presentation - Now and Comp - January 2025	PDF	SESSION MATERIALS	1753.2	01/01/2025
Presentation - Telemedicine	PDF	SESSION MATERIALS	1494.3	12/18/2024
Pathways Outreach Notice	PDF	FAQ FOR PROVIDERS	587.3	11/25/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Adult Dental - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	518.5	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Amerigroup - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	1800.9	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - CareSource - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	2036.7	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Eligibility Updates - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	1196.6	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Nursing Facility - Hospice - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	1772.7	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Opening Session - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	2426.3	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Peach State - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	1782.7	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Quality Strategy - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	1100.2	11/01/2024
Presentation - Fall Medicaid Fair - Transition Plan - October 2024 - YouTube Link	PDF	MEDICAID FAIRS	1494	11/01/2024
Provider (Banner) Messages & Provider Notices

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Provider Notices: New Biller Web Portal Navigation Presentation





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Provider Notices: NOW and COMP – January 2025 Presentation

Timely Filing Rules

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

- > 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 claim Within 12 months of MOS

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NOW & COMP Rate Increase New Services Implementation



Increased rates for individuals in need of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.

- Community Living Support
- Respite 15 Minute (In Home)
- Community Access (Group & Individual)
- Prevocational
- Supported Employment
 - Supported Employment Individual Job Developer
 - Supported Employment Individual Job Coach
 - Supported Employment Group
- Community Residential Alternative
 - Group Home (3 & 4 Beds)



Tier/Category format for Community Access Group Services.

Crosswalk of Assessment Levels to Rate Categories			
Level	Group Home Rate Category	Community Access Group Rate Categories	
1	Category 1	Category 1	
2	Category 2	Category 2	
3.1 3.2 4	Category 3	Category 3	
5 6 7	Category 4	Category 4	



Three new Community Residential Alternative models designed to serve individuals with complex care needs who are currently unable to be supported by traditional CRA models.

Specialized Transitional – Community Residential Alternative

Behavior Focused – Community Residential Alternative

Intensive – Community Residential Alternative

Adult Therapy Services – OT & PT Consolidation

Adult Physical & Adult Occupational Services

PROCEDURE CODE	UNIT RATE	DETAILED SERVICE DESCRIPTION		CONSOLIDATION OF CODES	PROCEDURE CODE (TRADITIONAL)	PROCEDURE CODE (SELF-DIRECTED)	UNIT RATE
97161-GP 97162-GP	\$74.27 \$74.27						
97163-GP	\$74.27	Physical Therapy - Evaluations	-	Dhusia d Thaman	07440 114	07440 114 110	¢20.22
97164-GP	\$50.49			Physical Therapy	97110-U1	97110-U1-UC	\$30.23
97112-GO	\$28.99	Physical Therapy - Services					
97110	\$27.75	Filysical Therapy - Services					
97165	\$71.98						
97166	\$71.98	Occupational Therapy - Evaluations					
97167	\$71.98						
97168	\$47.55						
97530-GO	\$30.23			Occupational Therapy	97530-GO-U1	97530-GO-U1-UC	\$30.23
97760-GO	\$29.33		-				
97761-GO	\$26.75	Occupational Therapy - Services					
97533-GO	\$26.19						
97763-GO	\$24.56						

Note: Per CMS Rule (Medically Unlikely Edit) Speech Language Therapy Will Not Be Consolidated

Adult Therapy Services – OT & PT Consolidation

All NOW and COMP Individual Service Plans and Prior Authorizations for Adult Physical & Adult Occupational Therapy will be consolidated by December 31, 2025.

All recipients of these services are currently eligible for increases up to the annual maximum of \$10,500 upon clinical approval.



Training and additional information such as policies, rates and procedure/billing codes coming soon!



Thank You!

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Transitioning Individuals

Carol Love Regional Services Administrator - Region 2 DBHDD



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

CHANGE OF LOCATION ALWAYS STARTS WITH SUPPORT COORDINATION

EVEN IN AN URGENT OR EMERGENCY MOVE ALWAYS NOTIFY SUPPORT COORDINATION



AGENDA

WHEN:

INITIAL PLACEMENT IN ANOTHER REGION WAIVER INDIVIDUAL MOVING TO ANOTHER REGION WITH EVEN WITH THEIR FAMILY ENTERING INTO RESIDENTIAL FOR THE 1ST TIME

ANYTIME AN INDIVIDUAL MOVES TO

ANOTHER CLA HOME EVEN WITH THE

SAME PROVIDER



WHO COMPLETES THE CHANGE OF LOCATION REQUEST

- The Support coordinator completes the request after they have permission from the region to use the home in question and Medicaid # is Confirmed
- The provider Agency is responsible for requesting the preplacement site visit and confirming that training and nursing protocols are in place. Also, for working with support coordination to assure all services are assigned.
 - House mate matching form should accompany the PPSV if needed.
- The provider completes form regarding current housemates and the support coordinator for the individual requesting to move in.
 Be honest.





Where do the forms go

THE COL FORMS ARE SENT BY SUPPORT COORDINATION TO THE CURRENT REGIONAL OFFICE ALSO TRAINING AND HOUSE MATE MATCHING

THE PREPLACEMENT SITE VISIT FORMS ARE SENT BY THE PROVIDER AGENCY TO THE RECEIVING REGIONAL OFFICE

COPYING PROVIDERS AND SC AGENCIES AS WELL AS BOTH REGIONS CAN ASSURE COMMUNICATION

THE SC AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING ALL FORMS EXCEPT THE PPSV REQUEST TO THE CURRENT REGION Region to Region Transfer Boxes

- Transfers, Region1RTR Region1RTR.Transfers@dbhdd.ga.gov
- transfers, region2rtr region2rtr.transfers@Dbhdd.ga.gov
- Region3RTR Transfers region3rtr.transfers@dbhdd.ga.gov
- Transfers, Region4RTR Region4RTR.Transfers@dbhdd.ga.gov
- Transfers, Region 5 Region5RTR.Transfers@dbhdd.ga.gov
- Transfers, Region6RTR Region6RTR.Transfers@dbhdd.ga.gov

PPSV Mailboxes

- R1, Preplacementvisit preplacementvisit.r1@dbhdd.ga.gov
- R2, Preplacementvisit preplacementvisit.r2@dbhdd.ga.gov
- R3, Preplacementvisit preplacementvisit.r3@dbhdd.ga.gov
- R4, Preplacementvisit preplacementvisit.r4@dbhdd.ga.gov
- R5, Preplacementvisit preplacementvisit.r5@dbhdd.ga.gov
- R6, Preplacementvisit preplacementvisit.r6@dbhdd.ga.gov



What happens next

- The receiving region (which can also be the current region) will have someone to complete the pre-placement site visit.
- Will notify the region that the visit is approved or needs corrections
- The **point person (know who this person is)** for CHANGE of LOCATION at the region will assure everything needed has been submitted and will communicate with the sending region that everything is in place.
- The sending region will approve the move and ask for approval from the receiving region.
- SC is notified when BOTH regions approve the move.

WHY

WHY

LEADERSHIP AT THE STATE AND REGIONAL OFFICES HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL'S NEEDS WITH THE BEST AVAILABLE OPTIONS.

WHY

TO SUPPORT CHOICE AS WELL AS HEALTH AND SAFETY

REGIONAL STAFF ARE OFTEN AWARE OF ISSUES OR CONCERNS WITH A PROVIDER OR PARTICULAR HOME THAT MAY BE A BARRIER TO BEST SERVICES FOR A PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE REGION PRIOR TO OFFERING THE HOME AS A CHOICE HELPS ALLEVIATE HAVING TO RESCIND A CHOICE.

PRE-PLACEMENT SITE VISITS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MITIGATE RISKS, ASSURING THE HOME CAN ACCOMODATE THE NEEDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL

FINALLY, THE DOCUMENTATION PROVES THAT THE PROCESS WAS PLANNED AND COMMUNICATED WITH ALL PARTIES.

IN THE EVENT OF AN URGENT MOVE



WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR AN URGENT OR EMERGENCY MOVE

STILL ALL DOCUMENTS AND PROTOCOL MUST FOLLOW WITHIN DAYS OF THE MOVE

FOR THE VERSION CHANGE TO BE COMPLETED AND THE UPDATED PROVIDER TO BE ON THE PA, THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED

OHW Updates

Shannon Smith, RN, MS Director, Office of Health and Wellness

Karen Cawthon, Project Manager

Office of Health & Wellness, Division of Disabilities



Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities



OHW Nursing Service Orientation Trainings

This training will be offered to new nursing service providers. OHW will reach out to the new nursing service providers to schedule training.

Topics will include but not limited to the following:

- Nursing Chapters in NOW/COMP Waiver Manuals
- DBHDD Policies:
 - RN Oversight
 - Healthcare Plan Policy
 - Bowel, Aspiration/Choking, and Seizure Policies
- Provider Manual: D. Medication Management
- Referrals and Billing

DBHDD Policies

- Healthcare Plan Policy 02-266
- Risk Mitigation Policy 02-807
- These policies are being updated and will be published soon.
- Core Elements for both policies will still be included in these policies.
- Although utilizing the HRST Healthcare Plans in the HRST system is not mandatory, the training on how to complete the healthcare plans are a valuable resource. OHW encourages providers to complete this training to provide insight to developing healthcare plans.



Elements of a Risk Mitigation Document:

Date of creation	Date of any applicable updates to the document	Individualized demographic information	Allergies or No Known Allergies (NKA)
Statement and description of known condition, risks, and diagnoses	Any applicable individualized action steps to be taken when needed	Communication Plan	Contact details for primary caregiver and responsible parties

Elements of a Healthcare Plan:

Elements
Demographic Information
Effective Date
Diagnosis
Description of Symptoms of Exacerbation of Condition
Nursing Diagnoses
Goals and Objectives (Standards of Care)
Interventions
Documentation and Location
Evaluation of Progress
Signature of RN

HRST Provider Healthcare Plans eLearn Course

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NEW eLearn Courses in 2025

Available Now In Relias

- Dangerous Mealtime Practices for Support Coordination/ISC/SSC
- Diet and Mealtime Planning for IDD Provider Agency Staff
- Proper Maintenance of Specialized Medical Equipment



- Best Practices For Communicating and Understanding People with IDD
- Recognizing and Responding to Signs of Pain in People with IDD
- Polypharmacy Dynamics in People with IDD



Dangerous Mealtime Practices for Support Coordination/ISC/SSC

Course Description

One of the main categories of responsibility of Support Coordination is the oversight of health and safety. To accomplish this, Support Coordinators often conduct in-person visits with those on their caseload during mealtimes or in environments where the person can be observed eating. Support Coordinators must understand the dangers that many with IDD face when it comes to eating, no matter *how* the person consumes food. It is also vital that Support Coordinators understand how improper mealtime practices can predispose the person to higher levels of risk so that they can advocate on the person's behalf.

Primary Focus of the Course

Support Coordinators may not understand the dangers associated with eating or improper mealtime practices. This course will focus on training Support Coordinators on the "dangerous dozen," common improper mealtime practices that may have life-threatening consequences for the person, and how to respond when these are observed. This course will sharpen the skills of Support Coordinators to recognize, refer, and act to help make sure people have safe and enjoyable mealtime experiences.



Diet and Mealtime Planning for IDD Provider Agency Staff

Provider Direct Support Staff and other staff often select, purchase, cook foods, and meals that align with special or prescribed diets. This can be a challenge, and balancing nutrition can be overwhelming. Provider staff need a better understanding of some of the more common diagnoses that may require special meal planning. Staff also should have a basic understanding of protein, carbs, and fats to better help others choose healthier food options. Knowing how to read food labels, why certain macronutrients can be a problem for some people, and how to balance all these are a vital part of supporting others. Additionally, basic food prep methods to maximize nutritional intake can directly enhance staff's confidence and the person's quality of life. Staff trained in this subject matter are more likely to help the person avoid unnecessary medical issues related to improper food selection and prep that may be contrary to a prescribed diet triggered by a diagnosis.

Primary Focus of the Course

- 1. Common diagnoses that may require special diets or specialized meal planning.
- 2. How to read food labels.
- 3. How to choose food based on macro-nutrient density.
- 4. How to properly plan and prepare specialized meals.
- 5. How to better meal plan and create menus.



Proper Maintenance of Specialized Medical Equipment for Provider & Support Coordination Staff

Course Description

People with IDD and other related diagnoses/conditions often use specialized medical equipment. To ensure longevity of the equipment and minimize injury due to lack of proper maintenance, both Providers and Support Coordinators should have a basic understanding of how to maintain this equipment.

Primary Focus of the Course

- To train provider staff on:
 - 1. How to properly clean select pieces of equipment
 - 2. How to prevent unnecessary injury due to improper or lack of equipment maintenance
 - 3. How to extend the lifespan of the equipment by proper care and cleaning
 - 4. How to spot equipment issues, improper use, or lack of care and respond appropriately
 - 5. Following basic manufacturer guidelines on the correct use and care of equipment
 - 6. Know simple steps of when and how to contact the equipment manufacturer



DBHDD Relias

To access the Relias Library - Email a request to: <u>Relias.admin@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>

You will need to assign a Training Contact. They will be the main contact of the library and will receive the permissions to make/edit users, assign training, etc.

> Have access issues or questions? Email: <u>Relias.admin@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>



Enteral Nutrition Training Course

This course is about supporting individuals with enteral tube feeding and nutrition.

Presented By: Cyndi Berenguer, OHW ICST Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist & Bobbie Davidson, OHW RN Consultant

To request 2025 Training Information please email Karen Cawthon: <u>karen.cawthon@dbhdd.ga.gov</u> Investigation Trends and Correcting Deficient Practices

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

DD Provider Meeting March 2025

Agenda:

- 2024 Investigation Deficient Practice Trends
- 5 Big Questions
- Corrective Action Plans

Top Death Investigation Criteria Citations



Top ANE Investigation Criteria Citations



Example Deficient Practice:

Provider failed to develop and implement Healthcare Plans (HCPs) to address an individual's risks.

As evidenced by:

- Healthcare plans recommended by DBHDD Nursing
 Assessment were not completed
- The individual's constipation HCP stated to encourage to drink fluids when individual was not to take anything by mouth
- Seizure, skin integrity, and hypertension tracking was not completed
5 BIG Questions

Was there a better way to **RECOGNIZE** the issue?

Was there a better way to PLAN?

Was there a better way to ACT?

Was there a better way to **COMMUNICATE**?

Was there a better way to MANAGE?

Was there a better way to **RECOGNIZE** the issue?

Is there evidence that a risk was <u>not identified</u> in time to take preventive action?



Was there a better way to PLAN?

Is there evidence that a risk was identified but <u>not adequately</u> <u>addressed</u> in the individual's care and support?



Was there a better way to ACT?

Is there evidence that an intervention or care, service or support action could have prevented the risk to the individual from taking place?



Was there a better way to **COMMUNICATE**?

Is there evidence that inadequate or poor communication may have contributed to risk to the individual?



Was there a better way to MANAGE?

Were there other issues related to inadequate documentation, supervision, hiring, training, staffing levels, policy, organizational leadership, accountability, etc.?



Now that you have the why...



What is needed to assure this does not happen the next time?

Individual Quality Improvement

How might services have been improved for this individual?

Location Quality Improvement

How might services be improved for others at this location?

System Quality Improvement

How can we use this process to improve the whole system of supports?

The Corrective Action Plan

- **HOW** will you improve the quality of care?
- WHERE will corrective actions occur (individual, location, or system)?
- WHO needs to do WHAT to accomplish this?
- WHEN will these actions be accomplished?



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9 CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT



HOW TO ENGAGE



Referral Form on <u>georgiauplift.org</u> Website

Referral from Supervisor or Human Resources

Self-Referral by Direct Support Professionals

Request Communication Materials & Share with DSPs

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HOW TO ENGAGE

QUESTIONS? THANK YOU

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CheckPT for Background Checks

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CheckPT

- CheckPT is DBHDD's new background check application that went live on January 21, 2025
- It is integrated with GBI's GAPs application, Idemia, and will provide improved communication, access, and visibility for providers and applicants going through the DBHDD background check process

Benefits of CheckPT

No Registration Forms

Faster approvals for applicant to be fingerprinted

Improved status visibility

Simplified system

Ability to create and manage own user accounts

Roster of current employees

Automatic notifications

CheckPT and Idemia Access

- Providers have two different GAC numbers, one from DBHDD and one from Fieldprint
- The DBHDD GAC# is needed for your initial provider administrator registration in **CheckPT**. This number is also known as your Carelon ID or Provider ID
- The Fieldprint GAC# will be needed to set up billing in **Idemia**

CheckPT Access

- Providers must have one administrator register their agency in CheckPT to gain access to the system
- You will need your Carelon ID (also known as your Provider ID) for this initial registration
- If you do not know your Carelon ID, email Provider Relations at <u>dbhdd.provider@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>
- Additional CheckPT users will be created by this first administrator

Idemia

- Idemia has different sections:
 - CARES Only used by DBHDD for reviewing background check results
 - Agency Management Portal (AMP) Only used by Providers for billing
 - IdentoGo used by Applicants for scheduling appointments

Idemia Account Set-up

- If you do not have login credentials for the billing portal in Idemia, email Provider Relations at <u>dbhdd.provider@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>
- Include your agency's legal name as it appeared in Fieldprint, your agency's Fieldprint GAP or GAC#, the names of people who need access to billing in Idemia, and their email addresses
- Your Fieldprint GAC number is also known as the Requesting Agency ID used in Fieldprint
- You can find this number by logging into your agency Fieldprint account and clicking on MyTools
- Do not use your Carelon/Provider ID

Who is responsible for what?

Provider Responsibilities

- Give applicants agency
 payment code
- Approve applications in CheckPT
- Assist applicants through the process
- Conduct registry checks
- View determinations and make hiring decisions in CheckPT
- Roster mgt
- User Account mgt

Applicant Responsibilities

- Register for CheckPT
 account
- Create Application in CheckPT
- Schedule appointment in IdentoGo
- Respond quickly to emails from DBHDD

DBHDD Responsibilities

- Review record and make eligibility determinations
- Request additional information from applicant when needed

Web sites for Background Checks

- CheckPT: <u>https://dbhddcheckpt.com</u>
- Idemia Agency Management Portal (AMP) website for billing purposes only: <u>https://agency.ga.state.identogo.com/login/</u>
- Idemia IdentoGo website for applicant appointment scheduling: <u>https://gapreprod.ue.state.identogo.com/ata</u>

User Guides and Training for CheckPT

 User Guides and Training for CheckPT are available on <u>DBHDD University</u> and <u>DBHDD Background Policy &</u> <u>GAPS Information</u>

Refunds through Fieldprint

- Until March 31st, please direct all Fieldprint refund requests or other concerns to <u>gacustomerservice@myfieldprint.com</u>
- Beginning April 1st, please direct all Fieldprint refund requests or other concerns to <u>customerservice@fieldprint.com</u>

Roster Management

- Providers will manage a Roster in CheckPT
- This is a list of all active employees you have hired through CheckPT
- When an applicant has an Eligible determination, and you hire them in CheckPT, they are added to your Roster
- When an employee leaves your agency, you will update the Roster indicating they have been separated and are no longer working for your agency
- You will verify your Roster every 60 days to ensure accuracy

CHRIS

- CHRIS will not be used for anyone going through CheckPT
- Current eligible employees **without** a break in service do not need to go through CheckPT
- We recommend that you download all eligibility letters from CHRIS **now** as it will be decommissioned in the fall

How to Contact Us

- New DBHDD Providers who need access to CheckPT or need Idemia billing set up - <u>dbhdd.provider@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>
- General CheckPT questions <u>dbhdd.reg@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>
- Applicants who need to provide additional information <u>dbhdd-crs@dbhdd.ga.gov</u>
- Idemia billing questions <u>cares_t2@us.idemia.com</u>



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