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# IDD ALL- STATE PROVIDER MEETING

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Presented by DBHDD, Division of IDD  
May 12, 2022 9:00am - 12:30pm



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# Vision

Easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve

## Mission

Leading an accountable and effective continuum of care to support Georgians with behavioral health challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in a dynamic health care environment



# TODAYS AGENDA

| Topic  | Time               | Presenter  |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Opening Welcome and Updates  | 9:00 am-9:15 am    | Ronald Wakefield, Division Director<br>IDD, DBHDD  |
| Field Office Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host Home transition process</li> <li>• Immediate and Critical requests and follow-up date submissions</li> <li>• Hospitalizations</li> </ul>                          | 9:15 am-9:30 am    | Allen Morgan, Office of Field Operations Director  |
| Office of Waiver Services Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Rescue Plan Act</li> <li>• Appendix K, COMP &amp; NOW Renewals</li> <li>• DCH and DBHDD policy updates</li> <li>• Legislation Updates</li> </ul> | 9:30 am-10:00 am   | Ashleigh Caseman, Director of the<br>Office of Waiver Services                                       |
| Special Circumstances and Waiver of Requirements, 04-107 Overview  | 10:00 am-10:15 am  | Dr. Michelle Ford, Manager of<br>Statewide Behavioral Services<br>& Ashleigh Caseman                 |
| Reactivating and Deactivating Provider<br>Numbers  | 10:15 am-10:30 am  | Genevieve McConico, Director of IDD<br>Provider Enrollment   |
| OHW Updates and Training<br>Announcements  | 10:30 am-10:45 am  | Dana Scott, Director of the Office of<br>Health and Wellness & Karen<br>Cawthon, OHW Project Manager |
| Image and Incident Reporting Updates   | 10:45 am- 11:00 am | Keisha Davis (FKA Blackwell),<br>Incident Manager, Office of Incident<br>Management and Compliance   |
| NCI Staff Stability Survey   | 11:00 am-11:05 am  | Latonya Williams, Waiver Operations<br>Analyst, Office of Waiver Services                            |
| Relias Updates   | 11:05 am- 11:15 am | Christopher Woods Director of<br>Learning Development; Christi Ritter,<br>Relias Coordinator         |
| Question and Answers   | 11:15 am -12:30 pm | All  |

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# Opening Welcome & Updates from Ron Wakefield, Division Director IDD, DBHDD

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# Field Office Updates

**Allen Morgan, M.S.**

Director of Field Operations

Division of IDD



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# Personnel Changes

- Tawanda Scales, MMFT, LMFT, is the Assistant Director of Field Operations
- Carol Love, MS, LMFT, is now the Regional Services Administrator in Region 2
- Lakeischa Murphy, BBA, is Region 1 Office Manager and supports the Director and Assistant Director of Field Operations
- Patricia Speight-oney, MS, is the I&E Manager is Region 5

# Host Home Transitions - Policy 02-704

## Individuals Have the Choice to Terminate Relationships

When a waiver participant/individual indicates a desire to terminate services from either a Host Home provider or a DBHDD provider agency, a neutral party interviews the individual to determine if the individual's choice is independent of coercion from any party.

The individual's Support Coordinator and a DBHDD staff (Field or State Office) interview the individual, the individual's legal guardian (if any) and/or any representative who has been formally or informally designated by the individual.

# Host Home Transitions - Policy 02-704

## Transference of Host Home/Life-Sharing Sites

The DBHDD provider agency and Host Home/Life-Sharing provider cooperate as requested by DBHDD to effectuate the smooth and reasonable transition of the care and services for individuals as directed by DBHDD. This includes, but is not limited to, the transfer of the individual records, personal belongings, and funds of all individuals as directed by DBHDD.

# Host Home Transitions - Policy 02-704

DBHDD reserves the right under all Host Home/Life-Sharing agreements to transfer a Host Home/Life-Sharing site to another DBHDD provider agency on the following grounds:

DBHDD termination of the contract/letter of agreement, or agreement with the DBHDD provider agency.

DBHDD provider agency termination of the contract/letter of agreement.

The Individual or Family/Representative's termination of the relationship with an identified contracting provider agency

## Host Home Transitions - Policy 02-704

The Host Home/Life-Sharing provider must agree to contract with another DBHDD provider agency if they want to serve the same individual(s).

**Prior approval** for the transfer of the Host Home/Life-Sharing site to an alternative DBHDD provider agency is required by the Regional Services Administrator and Director of Field Operations.



# Process flow

Individual, HHP, Provider, or Family desire a change

SC and Region review the situation to ensure the individual's choice is respected

Identification of new supervising provider agency

Services and billing move to new agency without interruption

Application for new site-specific number to Georgia collaborative

A transition date is identified AT the time of approval by DCH/DBHDD



Original provider **CONTINUES** to supervise and bill

## Immediate and Critical Request – Policy 02-443

Individual has need for immediate service change need for critical health and safety issue

Provider or SC calls the RSA or I&E Manager to explain and justify the request

If the region approves, the change is made to the prior authorization and services are added

## Immediate and Critical Request – Data Submission

For any service to continue past the approved 30-90 days, clinical justification is required.

An RCR for updated assessments and/or submission of an Additional Staffing (AS) packet is **REQUIRED**.

If AS was added and a submission is not made by day 45 of the approval, the Adverse Action will begin.

## Immediate and Critical Request – Data Submission

Delay in or failure to submit required information after I&C approval may impact future approvals for an agency.

# Individuals in Hospitals

In the last several months, a sharp increase in the number of people with IDD waivers stranded in community hospitals has occurred.

DBHDD is aware that providers are facing unprecedented staffing challenges that impact the ability of providers to maintain the usual levels of support; it is critical that providers continue supporting individuals and seek assistance from Regional Field Offices when challenges arise.

# 5% Provider Rate Increase Updates

**Ron Singleton**

IDD Division Budget Manager

Division of Developmental Disabilities



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## 5% Provider Rate Increase Updates

Prior authorizations with active dates from 7/1/2021 will be updated with a 5% rate increase to the current approved rates. This would include those service rates currently reflecting the 10% rate increase from Appendix K.

In the same manner as the Appendix K funding increase in March 2020 and the Appendix K rate increase in March 2021, prior authorizations will be systematically updated by the Beacon Health Options.

# 5% Provider Rate Increase Updates

As of May 9th, there are 26,689 NOW, COMP and State Funded prior authorizations which includes 111,873 service lines that will be updated.

Example: 1 Prior Authorization & 3 Service Lines

| Client Auth #   | Line # | Service Code ↕ | Detailed Service Description ↕ | Procedure Code  |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 9000 [REDACTED] | 1      | CAG            | Community Access - Group       | T2025-HQ  |
| 9000 [REDACTED] | 4      | SUP            | Support Coordination           | T2022   |
| 9000 [REDACTED] | 2      | CL1            | Community Living Supports      | T2025-U4,T2025-U5,T2025-U4-UN,T2025-U5-UN,T2025-U4-UP,T2025-U5-UP,T2025-U5-CG |



## 5% Provider Rate Increase Updates

In addition to adjusting each prior authorization and service line, the corresponding ISP must also be updated.

**Service Summary** Refresh Download Print

Status: Completed Date Completed:

| <input type="checkbox"/> | Service Description       | Detailed Service Description | Recom                    |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Access          | Community Access - Group     | SIS - Live Long Learnin  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Support Coordination      | Support Coordination         | SIS - Live Long Learnin  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Living Supports | Community Living Supports    | SIS - Health/Safety - 03 |

## 5% Provider Rate Increase Updates

In the same manner as the Appendix K funding increase in March 2020 and rate increase in March 2021, a considerable amount of programming will need occur in order to up update all prior authorizations (PA) and ISPs.

These updates will be tested to ensure accuracy before they are submitted to the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) for billing.

GAMMIS currently accepts a limited number of prior authorizations per day for processing (2,000).

# 5% Provider Rate Increase Updates

It is the expectation that the Department of Community Health (DCH) will mass adjust and reprocess all claims back to July 1, 2021. A banner message is expected to be posted with details related to this information.



The screenshot shows the top portion of the GAMMIS website. At the top left is the logo for the Georgia Department of Community Health, consisting of a blue circular icon and the text "GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH". In the center is the GAMMIS logo, which features a blue wave-like graphic above the text "GAMMIS" and "GEORGIA MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM" below it. On the right is the "gainwell" logo in a dark grey font with a green arrow pointing up and to the right. Below these logos is a dark blue horizontal bar containing a "Search" button on the right and a session expiration message on the left: "[ Refresh session ] You have approximately 13 minutes until your session will expire." Below the blue bar is a light yellow navigation bar with links: "Home | Contact Information | Member Information | Provider Information | Provider Enrollment | Nurse Aide/Medication Aide | EDI | Pharmacy | HFRD". At the bottom is a white navigation bar with links: "Home | Provider Notices | Provider Manuals | Provider Messages | Fee Schedules | Forms for Providers | Reports for Public Access | FAQ for Providers". The "Provider Messages" link is highlighted with a dark blue background.

# NOW/COMP Renewals, Legislation and ARPA Updates

**Ashleigh Caseman**

Director of Waiver Services

Office of Waiver Services



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# NOW and COMP Waiver Renewal- Status Update

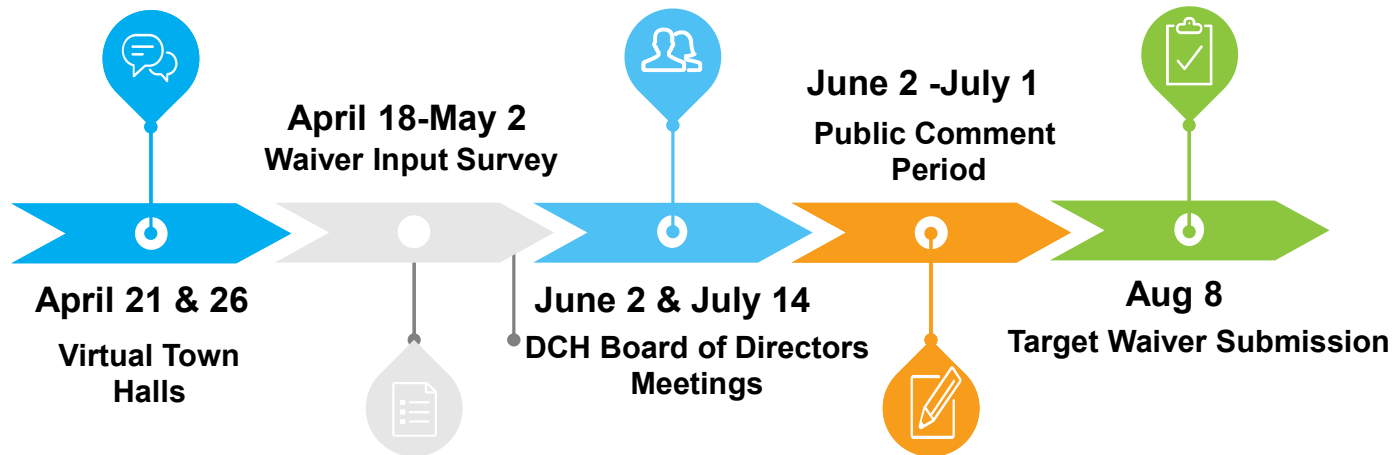
## COMP Renewal

- Pending CMS approval
- Since initial application, DCH/DBHDD has removed proposed caps on Additional Staffing Services and Skilled Nursing Services in CLS

## NOW Renewal

- Virtual Town halls- April 2022
- Present to DCH board initial and final adoption and will then be submitted to CMS for approval
- Tentatively NOW renewal intends to align with many components recommended in COMP renewal

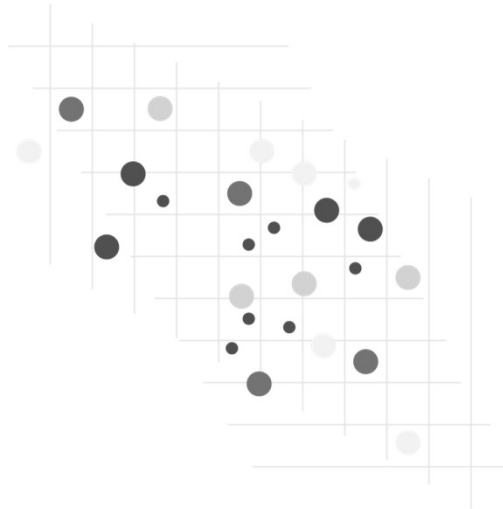
# Timeline – 2022 NOW Waiver Renewal



# NOW RENEWAL- Comment Submission

Comments can be submitted through May 1, 2022, **online** at:

<https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/all-programs/waiver-programs>



# 2022 COMP& NOW RENEWAL- 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  
proposed changes  
are pending CMS  
approval and subject  
to change



# COMP and NOW Renewal- Assistive Technology



NEW SERVICE ALERT!



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.

*\*Note this service definition is a proposal pending CMS approval and is subject to change*



## Legislation Update- SB 610 (Rate Study)

Beginning Fiscal Year 2024 and at least every 4 years thereafter, the state will conduct a comprehensive review of provider reimbursement rates for HCBS waiver programs including but not limited to NOW and COMP waiver programs:

- A rate study that will receive input from the public, service providers, and other stakeholders
- Result in proposed rate models and estimated fiscal impact



## Legislation Update- SR 770 (IDD Study Committee)

Creates a Senate Study Committee for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to:

- Evaluate the impact of the growing population in Georgia which results in an increasing demand for services for Georgians with IDD;
- Address the need to understand and address shortfalls in the DSP workforce;
- Develop a flow of capital investment resources targeted at the development of a comprehensive service structure, to include adequately trained workers; and
- Capital investments for the development of new housing and facilities, outside the Georgia Housing Voucher Program



# Legislation Update- FY22 and FY23 Appropriations

- HB 81- FY 2022 Appropriations Bill

- Increase funds for a 5% rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
  - This 5% rate increase was temporarily authorized by way of an Appendix K amendment; however, the Appendix K is short term and 5% will need be permanently placed in future NOW and COMP renewal/amendments
  - 513 waivers

- HB 911 FY2023 Appropriations Bill

- Increase funds for a 2% rate increase for intellectual and developmental disability providers with approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
  - The 2% rate increase will need to be requested by way of NOW and COMP renewal/amendments



# Upcoming Policy Updates- NOW and COMP

TOFHLA (Test of Functional Health Literacy in Adults)-Adding TOFHLA guidelines to Direct Staff requirements as additional Literacy option for Several NOW/COMP waiver services:

- Additional Staffing
- Community Access Group/ Community Access Individual
- Community Living Support (CLS) Services
- Community Residential Alternative (CRA) Services
- Prevocational Services
- Respite Services
- Supported Employment Individual/ Supported Employment Group (SEG/SEI)

Tuberculous Screening- Updating TB testing requirement from an annual requirement to prior to hire and when there is a known exposure.

*Lookout for these changes in 7.1.22 DBHDD policy!*



# American Rescue Plan Act- Initial Spending Plan Proposal\*

The American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021. It is the sixth COVID-19 relief bill enacted and provides approximately \$1.9 trillion in federal assistance. It includes fiscal relief funding for state and local governments, education, housing, food assistance, and additional grant programs. The State of Georgia, through the Department of Community Health (DCH), submitted an Initial Spending Plan Projection and narrative to enhance, expand, and strengthen home and community-based services (HCBS) under the Medicaid program using funds associated with the increased Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage.

## DBHDD IDD Initiatives related to ARPA funding

While Georgia's Initial Spending Proposal has several initiatives, two main focuses related to DBHDD I/DD include:

### Temporary Rate Enhancements for specific services:

- Community Residential Alternative (including Host Home)
- Community Living Support Services
- Skilled Nursing Services
- Community Access Individual
- Supported Employment Individual
- Update: Behavior Support Services

### Rate Study - All NOW and COMP waiver services including but not limited to:

- Community Residential Refresh
  - Community Living Support Services
  - Skilled Nursing
  - Community Access & Supported Employment
  - Respite
  - Adult Therapies
  - Medical Equipment, Supplies
- ...And more!

*Note: Georgia's initial spending plan has received conditional approval from CMS on February 14, 2022. Per the conditional approval the temp rate enhancements will require waiver amendments*

## DBHDD I/DD Initiatives re: ARPA funding Cont.

In addition to the temporary rate enhancements and the rate study, DBHDD/IDD is also focusing on the following areas:

### Addressing Workforce Challenges:

- Supporting Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) by way of certification, credentialing and/or training programs
- Engaging the broader Georgia workforce system to find solutions to DSP crisis by using community colleges and job centers to develop and invest in career training and credentialing for DSPs

### Launch Supported Employment Pilot:

- Provide support to individuals on the planning list for supported employment to transition from school to competitive integrated employment.

*Note: Georgia's initial spending plan has received conditional approval from CMS on February 14, 2022*



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## PHASE ONE

Background Research and Initial Meetings (May-June)

**Task 1:** Conduct background research to document service requirements

**Task 2:** Facilitate kickoff meetings with DBHDD project team and provider advisory group to discuss current issues with service delivery and payment rates, and goals for the rate study

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## PHASE TWO

Data Collection (June-August)

**Task 3:** Design and administer provider survey

**Task 4:** Conduct other research and analysis such as collecting benchmark cost data

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## PHASE THREE

Rate Development (September-December)

**Task 5:** Develop draft rate models

**Task 6:** Facilitate public comment process

**Task 7:** Finalize rate models and develop implementation plan

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## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Stakeholder advisory group to offer feedback at key stages of the project
- Provide perspectives on current issues and review draft provider survey
- Review provider survey results
- Review draft rate models
- Provider survey that all providers will be invited to complete
- Public comment process during which all interested stakeholders will be invited to submit written feedback on the draft rate models

# Special Circumstances and Waiver of Service Requirements – Policy 04-107

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Director of Waiver Services



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# Waiver of Service Requirements Policy

04-107

- DBHDD has a standard process for review and approval of requests for waivers of DBHDD requirements contained in either the
  - Provider Manual for Community Developmental Disability Provider
  - State-Funded Community Developmental Disability Providers
  - Policy Stat Policies



## LIMITATIONS REGARDING WAIVER OF DBHDD REQUIREMENTS

- When the enforcement of one or more DBHDD requirement creates an undue hardship or barrier for individuals to access a needed service, DBHDD reviews the requirement and situation in order to determine whether a waiver of the requisite requirement(s) for a limited period of time is warranted. The waiver request and review process assures a continuing commitment to an **individual's health and safety**, compliance with requirements of external funding, regulatory entities, and accreditation or certification requirements.
- This policy **DOES NOT** waive licensure (HFRD) or policy set forth in Medicaid manuals of any kind.



# REQUESTING WAIVER OF STANDARDS REQUIREMENTS

Waiver requests are submitted electronically to the DBHDD State Office Director of Waiver Services or designee, via the DBHDD Waiver of Service Requirement Form.

1. The request includes the following information:
  - a. Justification of the reason for a waiver of requirement due to an undue hardship or barrier for individuals to access a needed service;
  - b. Plan for improvement or changes needed in order for services to be available in accordance with the governing provider manual;
  - c. A recommendation and affirmation of identified need for a waiver signed by the Director of the provider organization.



# REQUESTING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW

1. A service provider is required to submit a Request for Special Circumstance Review when a restrictive device is applied for the protection of injury and harm to an individual due to challenging behaviors.
  - a. Applying a device that restricts freedom of movement or normal access to a portion of one's own body is considered a restraint.
  - b. Restrictive devices and procedures for their use are included in Behavior Support Plans to address behavior that does not immediately result in harm, but due to the chronic or long-term nature of the behavior (i.e., hand mouthing, head banging, removing or picking post-operative sutures or skin, etc.), will result in harm.
2. Waiver requests are submitted electronically to the DBHDD State Office of Health and Wellness Behavioral Services Manager or designee, via the DBHDD Special Circumstances Form.

The request includes the following information:

- a. Justification of the reason for a waiver of requirement
- b. Physician or MD Order (**attachment required to accept request**)
- c. Behavior Support Plan, Data Summaries, Graphing, Fading Procedures (as applicable)
- d. Recommendation and affirmation of identified need for a waiver signed by the Agency Director and Clinical Director of the provider organization (**both e-Signatures Required**).

## WAIVER OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW SUBMISSIONS

Providers are required to submit all new Waiver of Service Requirement OR Special Circumstances Review Requests to the State Office at least forty-five (45) days prior to projected start date.

Providers are required to submit renewal requests to the State Office at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date.

If additional information is needed after the packet has been submitted, the State Office will contact the provider. The service provider has ten (10) business days to add the required additional information.

Requests for waiver of requirements are reviewed by the DBHDD State Office Director of Waiver Services or designee. Within ten (10) business days after receiving a waiver request, the DBHDD State Office Director of Waiver Services or designee submits the request, along with his or her recommendations.

The Review Reports conducted by the Office of Health and Wellness forwarded to the Regional Services Administer (I/DD RSA), service provider, support coordination, and to the Behavior Support Service provider (if applicable).

The Division of I/DD approves or denies the requested waiver within thirty (30) calendar days

**Approvals will not exceed twelve (12) calendar months for Special Circumstances.**



# User Guide Completing Web Request

## Request for Special Circumstance Review Policy 04-107

- Click on the link Polycystat, 04-107 to complete the request.
- Providers must complete all the required fields on the web form for submission to DBHDD
- *Request for Special Circumstance Review Form Page 1*

Please fill: DBHDD Waiver Requests-Policy 04-107-A

### Request for Waiver of Standards

To: \*  Region: \*

(Regional Service Administrator or designee)

From: \*  Contact: \*

(Provider agency applying for waiver) (Agency contact person)

**Request for waiver of standard(s) related to source document:**

Choose an item: \*

Specify the citation relevant to the request (e.g. manual page & section number, or policy number):

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# User Guide Completing Web Request

**Recommendations:** I hereby recommend approval of the requested waiver. I give my assurance that approval of this waiver will not adversely affect the safety and welfare of individuals receiving services.

Agency Director \_\_\_\_\_ Clinical Director \_\_\_\_\_

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By form filling, I agree to both this agreement and the [Consumer Disclosure](#).

Submit

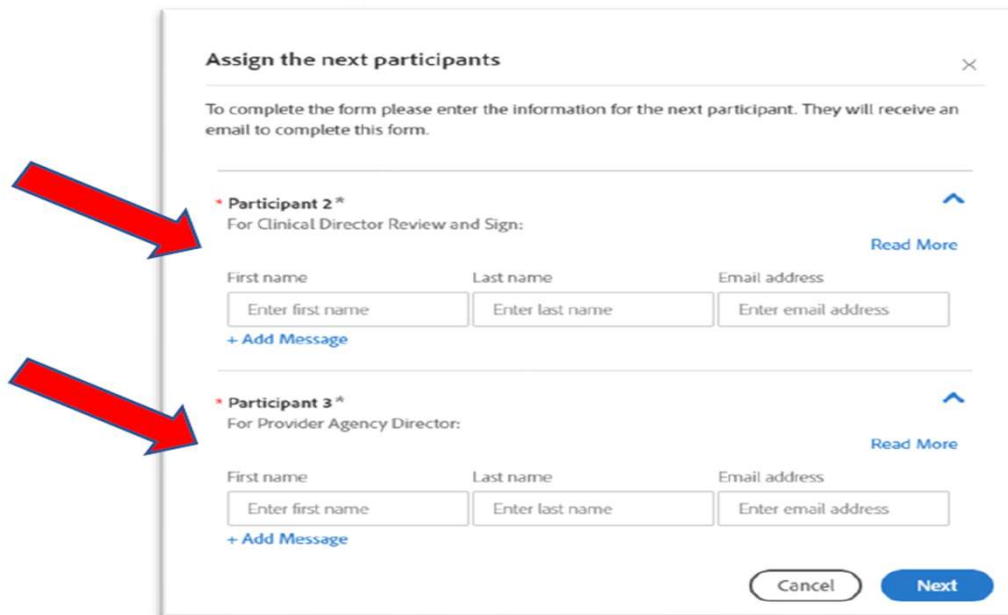
Once all required field are completed, user selects submit to identify Agency Director and Clinical Director for eSignature.

# User Guide Completing Web Request

## E-Signatures

User is prompted to provide First name, Last name and Email addresses of the Clinical Director and Agency Director. The directors will receive an email to review and sign the Request For Special Circumstance Review.

*Agency and Clinical Director identification*



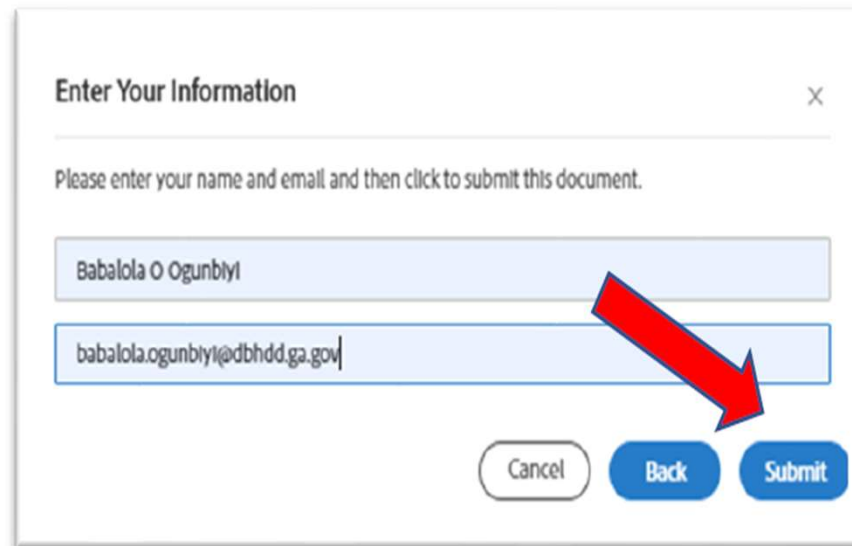
The screenshot shows a web form titled "Assign the next participants" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title is a horizontal line and a paragraph of instructions: "To complete the form please enter the information for the next participant. They will receive an email to complete this form." Below this is another horizontal line. The form contains two participant sections, each with a red asterisk and a blue upward-pointing arrow. The first section is labeled "Participant 2\*" and "For Clinical Director Review and Sign:". It includes a "Read More" link, three input fields for "First name", "Last name", and "Email address" (each with a placeholder "Enter..."), and a "+ Add Message" link. The second section is labeled "Participant 3\*" and "For Provider Agency Director:". It also includes a "Read More" link, three input fields for "First name", "Last name", and "Email address" (each with a placeholder "Enter..."), and a "+ Add Message" link. At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Next". Two red arrows point from the left towards the "Participant 2\*" and "Participant 3\*" labels.

# User Guide Completing Web Request

## 3. Email Confirmation

Select next to enter your name and email address to receive an email confirmation. Please click submit to proceed.

*User confirmation*



Enter Your Information ×

Please enter your name and email and then click to submit this document.

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babalola.ogunbiyi@dbhdd.ga.gov

Cancel Back Submit

# User Guide Completing Web Request

## 4. Signature Confirmation and Validation

The user will receive an email requesting validation. Select “Confirm my email address” and the form will be sent to Agency director and Clinical director for review and eSignature.

*Email message validation and eSignature*

### Just one more step

We just emailed you a link to make sure it's you. It'll only take a few seconds, and we can't accept your input on "DBHDD Waiver Requests-Policy 04-107-A" until you've confirmed.

**Note:** The web form is not fully submitted until the user, Agency director and Clinical director have validated their signatures via the email links received.

DBHDD will be automatically notified of your form submission. The agency will review your request and an email notification will be sent with the agency's decision.

REQUEST FOR WAIVERS OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS  
CONTAINED IN DBHDD PROVIDER MANUALS Policy 04-107

Request for Waivers of Service Requirements Contained in DBHDD  
Provider Manuals: 04-107

<https://gadbhdd.policystat.com/policy/10742410/latest>

User Guides to Complete Web Requests Link:

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# Expansion of Services for Existing Providers

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Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Genevieve McConico  
Office of Provider Enrollment, Procurement and Contracts  
DD Enrollment Director  
May 12, 2022



# Purpose & Objectives

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## **Purpose:**

To provide training regarding provider expansion

- Adding new services/sites
- Adding services to existing sites

To provide information regarding Deactivation/Reactivation submissions

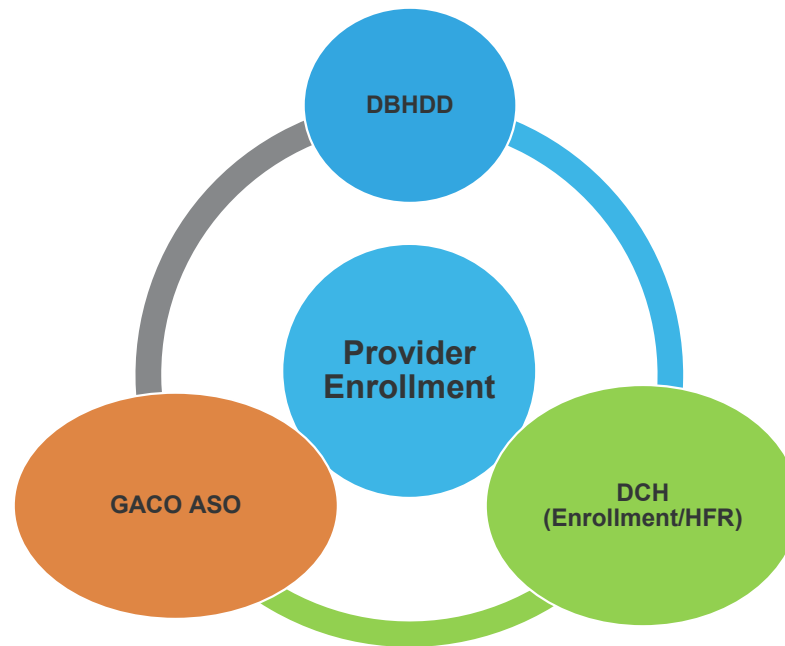
## **Objectives:**

- Discuss where to find the Existing Provider Agency application
- Discuss the components of the existing provider application
- Discuss the required information to send
- Discuss when to submit the Deactivation/Reactivation forms

# Who's Involved?

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Provider enrollment is accomplished through the coordinated effort of 3 agencies:





# Criteria for Expansion

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**Providers must meet the following criteria to add new services and/or service locations:**

- Be an approved DBHDD IDD Provider for at least one (1) year

**AND**

- Be accredited by a national accrediting body accepted by DBHDD;

**OR**

- Certified by DBHDD Office of Provider Certification and Services Integrity

**Note:** Accreditation/Certification applies to Agency Providers Only



# Supporting Documents Required for Expansion

| Supporting Documents for All Applicants  |
|--|
| Existing Provider Application  |
| Current Resume of I/DD Director, DDP, Clinical Services Supervisor (if applicable)               |
| Employment Attestations for the I/DD Director, DDP, Clinical Services Supervisor (if applicable) |
| Current Certificate of Commercial or General Liability Insurance                                 |
| Current Accreditation Certificate and/or DBHDD Certificate of Compliance                         |
| Business License   |
| <i>*Not applicable for Individuals and sites licensed by HFR (CLA, PHC)</i>                      |



## Providers of Community Residential Alternative (CRA) in a Host Home Setting

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|---|
| Host Home Study   |
| Supporting Documentation as outline on pages 10 – 12 of the Existing Provider Application |

## Providers of Community Living Supports and Respite – In Home Services

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Private Home Care (PHC) Permit |
| HFR License Letter             |

## Providers of Community Residential Alternative (CRA) and Respite – Out of Home Services

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| Community Living Arrangement (CLA) Permit  |
| <i>*CRA and Respite – Out of Home Services cannot be provided at the same location</i> |

## Providers of Therapy Services (RN, LPN, Occupational Therapy, Speech/Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nutrition, Interpreter Services)

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| Copy of each individual practitioner’s state license/certificate based upon services requested |
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# Private Home Care (PHC) Permit

A PHC Permit must be submitted for the provision of the following services:

- Community Living Supports (CLS)
- Respite – In Home
- Nursing – RN/LPN (non-CRA site)


The name of the Governing Body on the permit must be the Legal Name of the agency – not a DBA or site name.

If requesting Nursing Services at a site licensed by HFR as a PHC, “Nursing” must be listed on the permit to provide this service



**Note:** A Provisional Permit will not be accepted.





GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**PRIVATE HOMECARE PROVIDER PERMIT**

This is to certify that a license is hereby granted to Provider Support, Inc. (Name of Governing Body) ←

to operate as a Private Home Care Provider named as Here to Help (Name of Facility) →

providing NURSING, PERSONAL CARE, AND COMPANION OR SITTER

located at 12356 Old Country Rd (Street) Winder (City or Town), County of Barrow, Georgia.

Permit effective date: April 01, 2019, and remains in effect unless revoked, suspended or returned.

"This license is granted pursuant to the authority vested in the Department of Community Health, Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Title 31, Chapter 7, and signifies that the provider complies with the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Community Health on the date this license was issued."

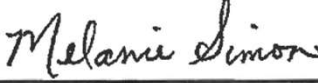
THIS PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE

Permit No: 009-R-1111

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 10TH day of April, 2019

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION


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Melanie Simon, Division Chief


# Private Home Care (PHC) Permit Cont'd

## Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) Letter

When submitting the PHC permit, the Healthcare Facilities Regulation (HFR) letter that lists the counties to be served from this site must also be included. The following must be listed on the letter submitted:

- Agency Name
- Address
- Counties to be served


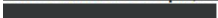
**Note:** If the address on the letter does not correspond with the service site, then the license number must be included in the letter.

 **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**


Brian Kemp, Governor Frank W. Berry, Commissioner

2 Peachtree Street, NW | Atlanta, GA 30303-3159 | 404-656-4507 | www.dch.georgia.gov

April 3, 2019


  
  
80 Winchester Place  
Winder GA 30680

**RE: Request for Service Area**



Your facility is currently licensed to provide services in the following counties: Barrow, Elbert, Hancock, Jefferson, Clarke, Oconee, Putnam, Taliaferro, Warren

If you have any questions regarding the Private Home Care Provider Program or if I can be of further assistance, please contact the Home Care Services Unit at (404) 657-5700 or write to the address above.

Sincerely  
  
LaShika Floyd, RN  
Private Home Care Director  
Healthcare Facility Regulation Division  
Department of Community Health

# Community Living Arrangement (CLA) Permit

A CLA Permit must be submitted for the provision of the following services:

- ❖ Community Residential Alternative (CRA)
- ❖ Nursing (at a residential site)
- ❖ Respite – Out of Home
  - ❖ (must be approved to provide CRA services)

The name of the Governing Body on the permit must be the Legal Name of the agency – not a DBA or site name.

\*Provisional Permit will not be accepted.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

**STATE OF GEORGIA**  
**COMMUNITY LIVING ARRANGEMENT PERMIT**

This is to certify that a permit is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain and operate a \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Governing Body)

Community Living Arrangement named as \_\_\_\_\_ for 4 residents.  
(Name of Residence) (number served)

Said residence and premises are located at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

in ACWORTH 30101 County of COBB, Georgia.  
(City or Town) (Zip Code)

Permit effective date is Wednesday, June 11, 2014 and remains in effect unless revoked or suspended.

"This permit is granted pursuant to the authority vested in the Department of Community Health pursuant to O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-7-1 and 37-1-22 and signifies that its facilities and operations comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Community Health on the date this permit was issued."

THIS PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE PERMIT NO. CLA008907

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 11TH day of JUNE, 2014

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION

*Melanie Simon*  
Melanie Simon, Division Chief

# Licensing Tips/Reminders

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Licenses are issued by Healthcare Facility Regulations (HFR)

Current licenses are required

Governing Body on licenses must be in the legal name of the Agency

Only CLA licenses are accepted for Community Residential Alternative (CRA) services

# Business License

- A current City/County business license or permit must be submitted for each service location  
**Note:** This requirement does not apply to Private Home Care (PHC) or Community Living Arrangement (CLA) licensed sites.
- The Business License should include the following:
  - Business/Agency name
  - Physical Address of the location (including suite number, *if applicable*)
  - Business Type/Description
  - Expiration Date
- All information must correspond to information listed on the application
- Applicants must provide documentation of exemption if a business license/permit is NOT required by the municipality

DISPLAY IN CONSPICUOUS PLACE – RENEWAL DEADLINE APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> OF NEXT YEAR

**PROVIDER COUNTY**  
NOT TRANSFERABLE  
PO BOX 000  
PROVIDER LAND, GA 10001  
BUSINESS LICENSE

**LICENSE #100001**

**BUSINESS ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**OWNERSHIP TYPE:** NON-PROFIT HOME BASED  
**BUSINESS:** Commercial

1 Administrative

**OCCUPANCY PERMIT**  
Permit is for specific use, licensee and business named. Building alterations may require a building permit and/or a new occupancy permit.

**Emergency Contact:** Resiliency Brown  
**Emergency Phone:** 001-001-0001

**Use:** Business  
**Nature:** MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING  
**Sq.Ftg:** 7500  
**Occupancy Load:** 38

**Special Conditions:** SPRINKLED & FIRE ALARM

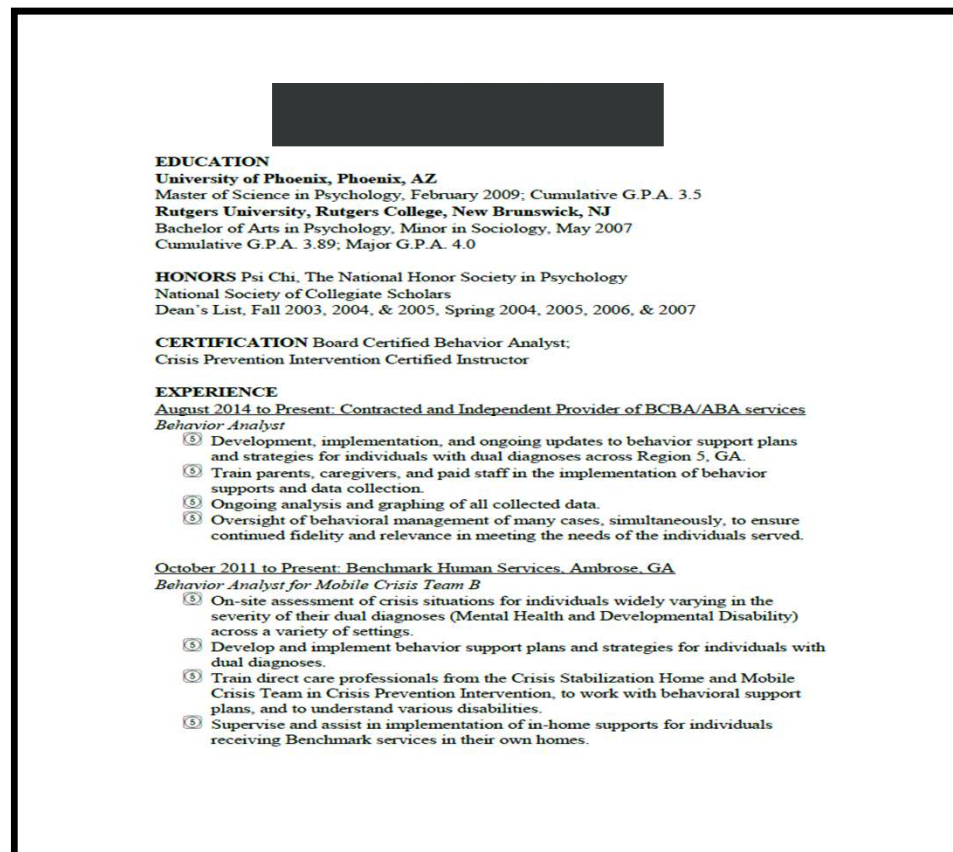
Fire Sprinkler and Alarm Systems must be tested and approved by a Licensed Agency on an annual basis. Fire exits must remain marked and unblocked

**VALID THROUGH**  
12-31-2021



# Current Resume

- A current resume should be submitted for the current I\DD Director, DDP, and Clinical Services Supervisor (if applicable), per services requested.
- The resume submitted should include the following:
  - Name
  - Education
  - Places of Employment
  - Dates of Employment
  - Description of job duties






# Employment Attestation

A current Employment Attestation should be submitted for the current I\DD Director, DDP, and Clinical Services Supervisor (if applicable), per services requested.

All applicable fields should be completed, and the form should be signed by the staff member holding the position, dated within one month of submission.




**Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities**

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Employment Attestation: Director of Developmental Disabilities Services**

|   |  |                        |  |
|---|--|------------------------|--|
| <b>Name</b>                                   |  |                        |  |
| <b>Phone</b>                                  |  | <b>Email</b>           |  |
| <b>License Number<br/>(if applicable)</b>     |  | <b>Expiration Date</b> |  |
| <b>Certificate Number<br/>(if applicable)</b> |  | <b>Expiration Date</b> |  |
| <b>Position</b>                               | <b>Director of Developmental Disabilities Services</b> |                        |  |



\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature  
 Director of Developmental Disabilities Services

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

# Practitioner License/Certification

A Professional License from the Georgia Secretary of State is required for the following:

- ❖ Nutrition
- ❖ Occupational Therapy
- ❖ Physical Therapy
- ❖ Speech/Language Therapy
- ❖ Registered Nurse
- ❖ Licensed Practical Nurse

A copy of the pocket license must be submitted. This cannot be an SOS print-out



# Certificate of Insurance

Current insurance must be submitted to ensure the most recent version of the insurance declaration is on file

The Insurance Declaration should include the following:

- **Business/Agency name**
- **Effective/Expiration Date**
- **Commercial/General Liability Insurance limits**
  - \$1 Million Each Occurrence
  - \$3 Million General Aggregate
- **Workman's Comp insurance, if applicable**
- **Auto Liability insurance, if applicable**
- **The address of each non-host home site in the description of operations section or separate attachment from Insurance Carrier**
- **The certificate holder listed on the insurance certificate must be:**

**The State of Georgia**  
**Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities**  
**Office of Provider Enrollment**  
**2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 23-247**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**

| ACORD   |   | GEORGIA  |                   | OP ID: E11  |                 |   |
|---|---|--|-------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE  |   |  |                   | DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)   |                 |   |
|   |   |  |                   | 07/03/2017  |                 |   |
| <p>THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsements.</p> |   |  |                   |   |                 |   |
| PRODUCER:<br>Hutchinson Traylor Columbus<br>6310 Bradley Park Drive<br>Columbus, GA 31904<br>John Knop  |   | 706-323-3613   |                   | CONTACT: Jackie Mims<br>PHONE: 706-323-3613<br>FAX: 706-322-1650<br>EMAIL: Jackie.Mims@hutchinsontraylor.com  |                 |   |
| INSURED:<br>Provider Support, Inc.<br>60 Wayne Carter Blvd<br>Winder GA 30680   |   | INSURER A: Serenica Specialty Ins Co<br>INSURER B: Michigan Commercial Ins Mutual<br>INSURER C: Axis Surplus Insurance Company<br>INSURER D: National Indemnity Company<br>INSURER E: Auto-Owners Ins Co |                   | POLICY #:<br>10729<br>20087<br>18988  |                 |   |
| COVERAGES:  |   |  | REVISION NUMBER:  |   |                 |   |
| THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.   |   |  |                   |   |                 |   |
| CLASS   | TYPE OF INSURANCE   | CLASS CODE   | POLICY NUMBER     | START DATE  | EXPIRATION DATE | LIMITS  |
| C   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY<br><input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR  |  | EQH624123012017   | 12/01/2021  | 11/30/2022      | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000<br>DAMAGE TO RENT \$ 100,000<br>MED EXPENSE \$ 5,000   |
| C   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional<br>GENERAL AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:<br>POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC<br>OTHER:   |  | EQH624123012017   | 12/01/2021  | 11/30/2022      | PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000<br>GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 3,000,000<br>PRODUCTS - COMPISIT AGG \$ 3,000,000<br>PROFESS \$ 1,000,000  |
| D   | AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWNED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTO ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTO<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTO ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTO ONLY<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physic Dam |  | 70APB001931       | 12/01/2021  | 11/30/2022      | BODILY INJURY (PHYSICAL) \$<br>BODILY INJURY (PHYSICAL) \$<br>PROPERTY DAMAGE (PHYSICAL) \$<br>Comp AColl \$ 2500 ded   |
| C   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA/LIAB<br><input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB<br><input type="checkbox"/> CLARIFICATION \$ 10,000<br>DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDENTIFICATION   |  | EQH624125012017   | 12/01/2021  | 11/30/2022      | EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000<br>AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000  |
| B   | WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY<br>(NO PROVISIONS FOR AUTO-EMPLOYMENT)<br>(MANDATORY IN GA)<br>(NON-MANDATORY IN OTHER STATES)<br>DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/INDUSTRY:  |  | WC100016850-2016A | 12/01/2021  | 11/30/2022      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> LTD<br>ALL EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000<br>ALL DISABILITY - SALARY CONT \$ 1,000,000<br>ALL DISABILITY - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000<br>Employees \$ 400,000<br>Dishonest \$ 2500 ded |
| E   | Crime/Fidelity  |  | B0285053          | 12/01/2021  | 11/30/2022      |   |
| DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)<br>12356 Old Country Rd<br>Winder GA 30680   |   |  |                   |   |                 |   |
| CERTIFICATE HOLDER<br>The State of Georgia<br>Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities<br>Office of Provider Network Management<br>2 Peachtree St NW Ste 23-247<br>Atlanta GA 30303   |   | GEORGIA  |                   | CANCELLATION<br>SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE, THE POLICY NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.<br>AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:<br>Emily Hallis |                 |   |



# Insurance Tips/Reminders

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Providers are required to maintain insurance coverage throughout their enrollment. The following is required:

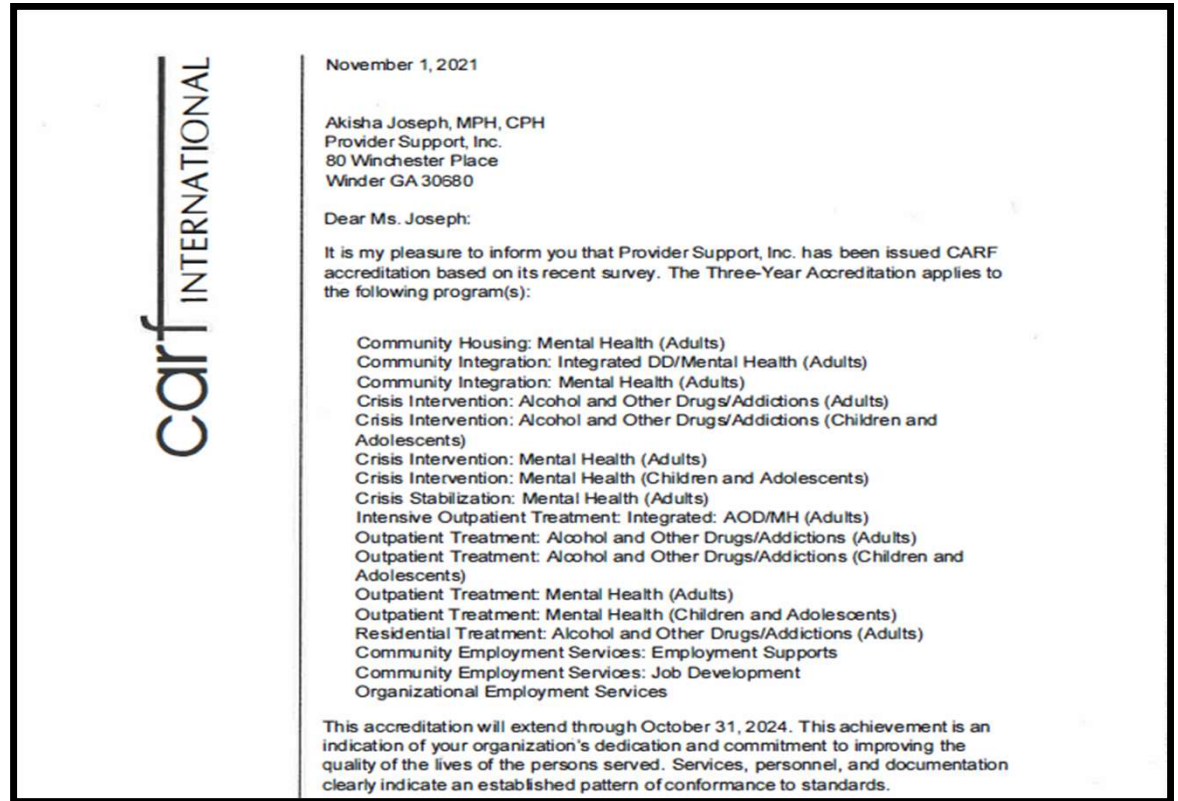
1. General liability insurance in the amounts of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 general aggregate
2. Automobile Liability if applicable – (Note that Automobile liability insurance is required if an agency owns or not own or hires a vehicle that is used for transportation regarding the services being provided.)
3. Workers Compensation if applicable – Note that Workers Compensation is required if the agency has 3 or more employees, however it is not required if an agency has fewer than 3 employees and most of their work is done by professionals who are independent contractors.)
4. Must include all the agency approved site locations under the Description section of Declaration page unless the site is a Host Home(HH) as HH sites do not have to be included.
5. DBHDD The State of Georgia (DBHDD) must be listed as the Certificate Holder unless the agency is a CSB and insured by the State of GA

**The State of Georgia**  
**Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities**  
**Office of Provider Enrollment**  
**2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 23-247**  
**Atlanta, GA 30303**

# Accreditation/Certification

Accreditation letter/certificate should include the following:

- Business/Agency name
- Effective/Expiration Date
- Services covered by Accreditation



# Accreditation Tips/Reminders

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Accreditation is required if an agency provider exceeds \$250,000 annually in revenue for the services being provided in the COMP and NOW waivers. It is the responsibility of the Provider to select an accrediting agency from the Accrediting bodies accepted by DBHDD and apply for accreditation.

- Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)
- The Joint Commission (JC)
- The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL)
- Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA)
- Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) - DD Nursing Services Only
- Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP) - DD Nursing Services Only

Accreditation must occur within 30 days after the Provider has crossed the threshold and is authorized to receive funding in an amount more than \$250,000 per year, regardless of expiration date of existing standards compliance certificate.



# Accreditation Tips/Reminders

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- The Provider is responsible for paying accreditation fees and providing a copy of the Accrediting body's letter confirming the date of the survey.
- The Provider must be accredited within 12 months of approval.
- The provider must submit to DBHDD/GA Collaborative the results of accrediting body visit within seven (7) working days of receipt.
- The provider is expected to ensure that the specific services approved by DBHDD are properly accredited. If DBHDD approves the Provider to offer new service, the Provider must have these services added at their next re-accreditation period.
- It should be noted that it is always the agency's responsibility to maintain their accreditation , seeking re-accreditation in a timely manner so that their current accreditation doesn't expire. Additionally, if at any time you are applying for additional services and your accreditation has expired, documentation is required from the previous accrediting body that the agency remains accredited until their re-accrediting survey has been completed.

# DBHDD Certification/Reminder

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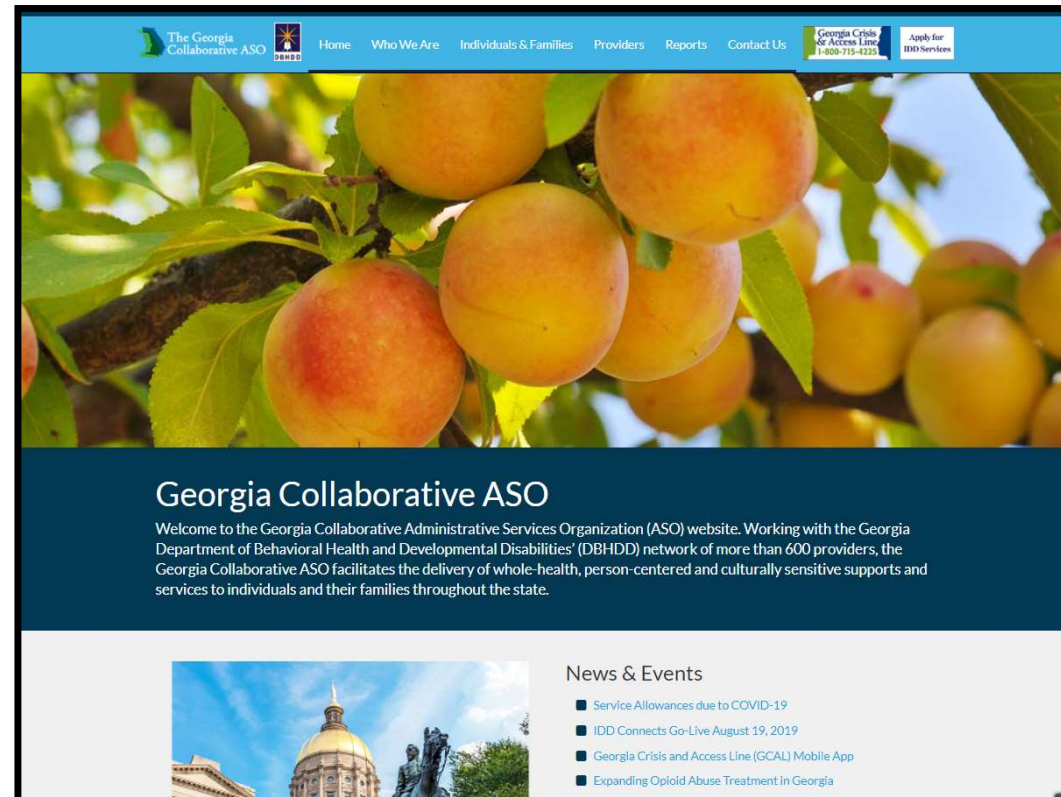
- Agencies are required to be certified by DBHDD a year after being approved to provide services.
- Agencies will only be reviewed by DBHDD Standard Review Compliance section if the agency funding amount is under \$250,000 annually
- It is up to the agency to contact DBHDD to schedule initial or re-certification review. An email may be sent to [Provider.Certification@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:Provider.Certification@dbhdd.ga.gov).
- You must maintain DBHDD certification if applicable by contacting DBHDD in a timely manner to schedule before your current certification expires. We recommend at least contacting the Certification unit 4 – 6 months before current certification or before your year of providing services is out if 1st certification.



# Accessing the Existing Provider Application

To access the Existing Provider Application, go to: [www.Georgiacollaborative.com](http://www.Georgiacollaborative.com)

**Click:** Providers > Provider Enrollment > Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Services > Provider Enrollment Forms > IDD Agency Existing Provider Application



# DBHDD/ASO Existing Agency Provider Application Review

## Application Checklist:

All applicable requirements should be checked and submitted based on the services being requested in the application.


### Note:

- Information must be typed – Handwritten forms will **NOT** be accepted
- All fields must be completed – Enter N/A if a field does not apply



**Tip:** The Application Checklist should be used as a guide to ensure all applicable supporting documents are submitted.



 **Existing Agency Participation Application  
Developmental Disabilities**

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Completed Existing Agency Application, checklist and supporting documents must be submitted via email or mail.  
Email to: [GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com)

Mail to:  
Georgia Collaborative ASO Credentialing  
740 West Peachtree St NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Please note:

- Information must be typed with all fields completed. If a field does not apply, indicate "N/A"
- Handwritten documents will **NOT** be accepted
- There is an email size limit of 20MB or approximately 320 pages. If a submission exceeds the email size limit, we recommend it be sent through multiple emails
- Zip Files will not be accepted
- All documents must be in PDF format

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Existing Agency Participation Application Checklist:

- Completed Existing Provider Checklist
- Completed and signed Application
- Host Home Study, *if applicable*
- Copy of County/City Business license or permit for each site. Documentation from municipality must be submitted if a Business license or permit is not required. This requirement does not apply to Private Home Care (PHC) or Community Living Arrangement (CLA) licensed sites.
- Private Home Care (PHC) Permit, *if applicable*
- Community Living Arrangement (CLA) Permit, *if applicable*
- Employment Attestations *if staff listed below have not been previously approved*
  - Clinical Services Supervisor (CSS)
  - Developmental Disabilities Professional (DDP)
  - Director of Developmental Disabilities Services
- Current resume *if staff listed below have not been previously approved*
  - Clinical Services Supervisor (CSS)
- Developmental Disabilities Professional (DDP)
- Director of Developmental Disabilities Services
- Copy of each individual practitioner's state license/certificate based upon services requested
- Current Certificate of Commercial or General Liability Insurance
- Current Accreditation Certificate and/or DBHDD Certificate of Compliance

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# DBHDD/ASO Application: General Information

**Page 3:** The information here is specific to your agency's Main GA/Corporate, mailing and admin staff

## Georgia Agency Information:

- The type of application request must be selected (New Site/Existing Site)
- The GA Agency Legal Name listed must be the Legal Name registered with the IRS and SOS
- A DBA should only be listed if the DBA is registered with the city/county municipality. Documentation must be submitted.
- The address listed in IA should be the GA address registered with the SOS
- The Tax ID listed should be the Tax ID used when the agency enrolled as a provider with DBHDD

The Georgia Collaborative ASO  
Existing Agency Participation Application  
Developmental Disabilities

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Select the description(s) from the following list that best describes this request.

Current DBHDD Developmental Disabilities Agency Provider applying for New Service at a New Site

Current DBHDD Developmental Disabilities Agency Provider applying for New Service at a Currently Established Site

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Georgia Agency Information:**

Agency Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DBA/Trade Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS Number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Year End: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Executive Leadership/Management:**

Chief Executive Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical Services Supervisor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Developmental Disabilities Services Director (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Developmental Disabilities Professional (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this application / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# DBHDD/ASO Application: Executive Leadership/Management

## Executive Leadership/Management:

- The CEO listed should be the CEO registered with the SOS
- A Clinical Services Supervisor (CSS) is required for Providers of allied health services only
- An IDD Director and DDP are required for Providers of any IDD services
- The agency contact listed should be a staff member employed by your agency and not the agency consultant
- \*\*\*Resumes should be submitted for the IDD Director and DDP listed

The Georgia Collaborative ASO  
Existing Agency Participation Application  
Developmental Disabilities

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Select the description(s) from the following list that best describes this request.

Current DBHDD Developmental Disabilities Agency Provider applying for New Service at a New Site

Current DBHDD Developmental Disabilities Agency Provider applying for New Service at a Currently Established Site

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A. Georgia Agency Information:**

Agency Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DBA/Trade Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS Number, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Year End: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Executive Leadership/Management:**

Chief Executive Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Clinical Services Supervisor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Developmental Disabilities Services Director (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Developmental Disabilities Professional (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing this application / Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application:

## Page 4

### C. Corporate Information:

- If the agency is not part of a corporate system, section C should be marked “N/A.”

### D. Business Classification:

- Select one option for each section - Ownership, Profit Status, and Business Type

### E. Accreditation or Certification:

- Accreditation/DBHDD Certification cannot be left blank. Select an Accrediting Body and complete applicable information

### F. Commercial General/Comprehensive Liability Insurance:

- Section F, Insurance, must list the most recent insurance information from the declaration. Also, a current copy of the insurance declaration must be submitted



**Existing Agency Participation Application**  
**Developmental Disabilities**

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Corporate Information:**  
 Is this agency part of a corporate system or chain affiliated?  YES (complete information below)  NO

Corporate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ TAX ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Executive Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (9 Digits): \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Business Classification:**  
 Please check only one box for each category; one box for Ownership, one for Profit-Status and one for Business Type.

Ownership:  Private  Public  Government Program

Profit Status:  For-Profit  Not-for-Profit

Business Type:  Authority  College/University  Community Service Board  Corporation  
 County  County Board of Health  Limited Liability Company  Municipality  
 Partnership  Non-Profit Corporation  School Board/School District

**E. Accreditation or Certification:**

|                         |   |                         |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Accrediting Body</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)   | <b>Certificate No:</b>  |
|                         | <input type="checkbox"/> The Joint Commission (TJC)                                     | <b>Effective Date:</b>  |
|                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Quality & Leadership (CQL)                          | <b>Expiration Date:</b> |
|                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Council on Accreditation (COA)                                 |                         |
|                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) (Nursing Only) |                         |
|                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Health Accreditation Partner (CHAP) (Nursing Only)   |                         |
|                         | <input type="checkbox"/> DBHDD Certificate of Compliance                                |                         |

**F. Commercial General or Comprehensive Liability Insurance:**

Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy No: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_


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# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Provider Profile Questions

## Provider Profile Questions:

- The information here requires a signed, written explanation of any “Yes” response
- A “Yes” response does not automatically disqualify the agency from adding services/sites

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**E. PROVIDER PROFILE QUESTIONS**

Answer the following questions regarding your organization's programs. PLEASE ATTACH A DETAILED EXPLANATION FOR ANY QUESTIONS BELOW THAT WERE ANSWERED "YES". Provide documentation describing the circumstances surrounding the events, settlements, and/or resolutions of the issues in the State of Georgia or in any other state.

**DEFINITIONS.** As used in the following questions, the following terms have the definitions indicated below. The applicant organization must review these definitions and answer questions in accordance with the definitions.

**Entity** – For applicant organizations seeking to enroll for behavioral health services, the term "Entity" is defined in DBHDD policy "Recruitment and Application to Become a Provider of Behavioral Health Services, 02-111."


For applicant organizations seeking to enroll for intellectual/developmental disability services, the term "Entity" is defined in DBHDD policy "Recruitment and Application to Become a Providers of Developmental Disability Services, 02-701."

**Managing Employee** is defined in the Department of Community Health (DCH) Part I Policy and Procedures for Medicaid/Peachcare for Kids manual, which can be found at DCH's Georgia Medicaid Management Information System under "Provider Information," then under "Provider Manuals," here.

**Owner** is defined in the Department of Community Health (DCH) Part I Policy and Procedures for Medicaid/Peachcare for Kids manual, which can be found at DCH's Georgia Medicaid Management Information System under "Provider Information," then under "Provider Manuals," here. Note that, under that definition, "owner" also includes an owner of an "indirect ownership interest" in the applicant organization; the term "indirect ownership interest" is also defined in the Part I Policy and Procedures for Medicaid/Peachcare for Kids manual, and that definition should also be taken into consideration when answering the following questions.

| Profile Questions  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Has the organization or any other Provider Entity of which any owner or managing employee is or has been an owner or managing employee had its professional liability or malpractice insurance refused, revoked, declined or accepted on special terms in the past five (5) years?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Has any government agency suspended, revoked or taken other action against the organization's license to practice or to conduct business in the past five years, or taken such an action in the past five years against any other Provider Entity of which any owners or managing employee is or has been an owner or managing employee? (To include Medicaid/Medicare)             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Have any accreditations or memberships in professional organizations been revoked, reduced, denied or suspended by others or voluntarily given up by the organization or any other Provider Entity of which any Owner or Managing Employee is or has been an Owner or Managing Employee, in the past five years, or are any actions now under way which may lead to such sanctions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Has any Owner, Managing Employee, Officer, or shareholder of the organization <del>been</del> been convicted of a crime, excluding minor traffic infractions?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Has the organization, or any other Provider Entity of which any Owner or Managing Employee is or has been an Owner or Managing Employee <del>been</del> been previously denied acceptance into, disenrolled from, or withdrawn from GA DBHDD or GA Collaborative ASO network participation?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Has the organization, or any other Provider Entity of which any Owner or Managing Employee is or has been an Owner or Managing Employee, had any settled claims or judgments relating to sexual misconduct or civil rights violations in the past five years? If YES, enter the total number: _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. In the past five years, has the organization or any other Provider Entity of which any Owners or Managing Employee is or has been an Owner or Managing Employee, had any settled claims or judgments relating to any other matter not disclosed in the response to Question 6 above? If yes, enter the total number: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8. Has the organization, or any other Provider Entity of which any Owner or Managing Employee is or has been an Owner or Managing Employee, been a defendant in five (5) or more lawsuits within the <u>past five years</u> ? If Yes, enter the total number: _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Does the organization hire, continue to employ, or contract with individuals (or contract with entities/ organizations who employ or contract with individuals) listed on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities? ("Individuals" in this question includes, but is not limited to, owners, officers, employees, and independent contractors/subcontractors.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Has the organization, or any other Provider Entity of which any Owner or Managing Employee is or has been an Owner or Managing Employee, filed for bankruptcy in the past five years?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Service Location Addendum

## A. Service Location:

- If the site is licensed by HFR, the “Site Name” listed should be the same as the “Name of Facility” on the HFR license
- The NOW/COMP number should only be listed if the site already has an active NOW/COMP number at the site being requested
- All fields should be completed, even if marking as “N/A”
- One (1) Service Location Addendum page must be submitted per site location being requested

## Counties Requested

- CRA Services - only the county of the site address should be listed
- Private Home Care (PHC) site - the counties requested should be the same as the counties on the HFR letter issued with the PHC permit

**III. SERVICE LOCATION**  
For additional site locations, complete one Service Location form per site (pages 2-6).

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**A. SERVICE LOCATION:**

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This location is:  Yes  No - Accessible by Public Transportation  Yes  No - Americans with Disabilities Act Compliant

**Counties Requested:**


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|--|--|--|--|
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|  |  |  |  |

Is this an Existing Approved site?  Yes  No  
If Yes, list Medicaid Provider Number(s) below.

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Medicaid Provider Number(s)</b>    |  |
| COMP Waiver Medicaid Provider Number: |  |
| NOW Waiver Medicaid Provider Number:  |  |

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**B. Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) Permits/Licenses**  
This site is licensed by Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) as a: (Include a copy of the license)

Child Placing Agency (CPA): Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Home Care (PHC): Permit: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Living Arrangement (CLA)

Not Applicable



# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Service Location Addendum

## B. Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR)

### Permits/Licenses:

If the site is licensed by Healthcare Facilities Regulation (HFR), the type of license should be noted as well as the permit number, and effective date.

**III. SERVICE LOCATION**  
*For additional site locations, complete one [Service Location](#) form per site (pages 2-6).*

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**A. SERVICE LOCATION:**

Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ NPI Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This location is:  
 Yes  No - Accessible by Public Transportation   
  Yes  No - Americans with Disabilities Act Compliant

**Counties Requested:**


|  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
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Is this an Existing Approved site?     Yes     No  
*If Yes, list Medicaid Provider Number(s) below.*

| Medicaid Provider Number(s)           |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| COMP Waiver Medicaid Provider Number: |  |
| NOW Waiver Medicaid Provider Number:  |  |

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**B. Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) Permits/Licenses**  
 This site is licensed by Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) as a: (Include a copy of the license)

Child Placing Agency (CPA): Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Home Care (PHC): Permit: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Living Arrangement (CLA)


Not Applicable





# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Services Requested Grid

- One (1) Services Requested Grid must be submitted for each site location being requested
- CRA services can only be provided at a CLA or HH site
- When applying for services, consider applying in both the NOW and COMP Category of Service
- Ensure that the agency has the applicable HFR and/or Professional license for the services being requested



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**C. Services Requested Grid:**  
*Select the service(s) and applicable waiver being requested.*


| Services   | COMP<br>Waiver | NOW<br>Waiver |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Adult Nutrition Services   |                |               |
| Adult Occupational Therapy (OT)  |                |               |
| Adult Physical Therapy (PT)  |                |               |
| Adult Speech/Language Therapy (SLT)  |                |               |
| Behavioral Supports Services   |                |               |
| Community Access – Group Services  |                |               |
| Community Access – Group Services – Co-Employer  |                |               |
| Community Access – Individual Services   |                |               |
| Community Access – Individual Co-Employer  |                |               |
| Community Living Support Services (CLS)  |                |               |
| Community Living Support Services – Co-Employer  |                |               |
| Community Residential Alternative Services (CRA) In a CLA <i>Complete Section D: CRA Site Information</i>  |                |               |
| Community Residential Alternative Services – Host Home <i>Complete Section D: CRA Site Information</i>   |                |               |
| Environmental Accessibility Adaptation   |                |               |
| Interpreter Services   |                |               |
| Natural Support Training Service   |                |               |
| Nursing Services – Registered Nurse (RN)   |                |               |
| Nursing Services – Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)  |                |               |
| Prevocational Services   |                |               |
| Respite Services in Home: <i>(Requires PHC License and must also apply and be approved for CLS)</i>  |                |               |
| Respite Services Out of Home: <i>(Requires A CLA Permit). Agency must also apply and/or already be approved for CRA Services. Cannot be provided at a site approved for CRA.</i> |                |               |
| Respite Services – Co-Employer   |                |               |
| Specialized Medical Equipment  |                |               |
| Specialized Medical Supplies   |                |               |
| Supported Employment Services – Group  |                |               |
| Supported Employment Services – Group - Co-Employer  |                |               |
| Supported Employment Services – Individual   |                |               |
| Supported Employment Services – Individual - Co-Employer   |                |               |
| Transportation – Encounter/Trip  |                |               |
| Transportation – Encounter/Trip - Co-Employer  |                |               |
| Transportation – Commercial Carrier - Multi-Pass   |                |               |
| Vehicle Adaptations  |                |               |



# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Community Residential Alternative (CRA) Site Information

## D. Community Residential Alternative (CRA) Site Information (if applicable):

- The “CLA Name” in Section D should correspond with the “Name of Residence” on the CLA HFR permit
- Consider naming the Host Home site the name of the Host Home Provider. Host Home should be listed after the whatever name you choose.
- If this is a Host Home transfer, the transfer should be coordinated with the agency and the Regional Field Office. Please make sure you include an effective date of service for the new Medicaid number to be assigned.



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**D. Community Residential Alternative (CRA) Site Information:**  
*Complete this section if requesting CRA services.*

Select one and complete applicable information:

Community Living Arrangement (CLA)

| CLA Name on HFR Permit | Permit Number | CLA Capacity |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                        |               |              |

**OR:**

Host Home *(Complete Host Home Study, see Section IV)*

| Host Home Provider Name: (Last, First) | Host Home Capacity<br>(1 or 2 individuals) |
|--|--|
|  |  |

Is this Host Home currently enrolled with another COMP approved agency?     YES     NO

If yes, please list agency name:

**Note: Existing agency must submit Deactivation Request before approval of this request**

# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Host Home Study

## Host Home Study Details:

- **Experience and Expectation**
  - Of potential HH provider
- **Description of family members living in the home**
  - This should be submitted for any/all members of the home (all ages)
- **Availability of Supervision**
  - This should be submitted for any/all members of the home
  - School schedule can be listed for children
- **Family Dynamics**
  - This should be submitted for any/all members of the home
  - Items should be addressed individually and not generally

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**IV. HOST HOME STUDY**  
*Complete for each Host Home- Agency Staff member must complete HH Study and not the potential HH provider.*

[DBHDD Policy 01-201](#)

The agency is to make a thorough evaluation of each prospective Host Home family (or current Host Home/Life- Sharing Residential Setting). The evaluation is to be documented in the study report, which is to be updated as changes in the required home study information occur, and include at least the following:

1. Full legal name of applicant, date of assessment, the family address and telephone number.
2. Description of the home and community, including, but are not limited to:
  - Type of home (i.e. ranch, 2stories)
  - Rooms in the home (include basement and attic)
  - Number of steps to the front and back door if applicable
  - Handicap Accessibility Features if any
  - Sleeping arrangements for the potential placement(s)
  - Description of the neighborhood. List accessible community services and activities (Include access to hospitals/urgent care facilities, churches, schools, Physicians, YMCA etc.)
  - Public Transportation (Document distance from home to public transportation)
  - Physical Standards of the home, including:
    - a. Fire extinguishers (Note type, number and location)
    - b. Smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors (Note functionality, number and location)
    - c. Is there a swimming pool? Is it secured by fence or gate?
    - d. Is there a locked box/space (note where medications will be locked and hazardous chemicals will be kept)
    - e. Do you have pets? Type and how many?
3. A description of family members/individuals living in the home, including:
  - Date and Place of birth
  - Physical description
  - Family background and history
  - Current relationships with immediate and extended family members or other persons residing in the home
  - Educational background
  - Relationship to applicant(s)
4. A statement as to whether or not there are firearms kept in the home and if so, all firearms owned and in the home are unloaded, secured and locked in a cabinet with ammunition stored in a separate locked cabinet. If firearms are stored in an official gun cabinet, ammunition may also be stored in the same gun cabinet; however, the ammunition must be kept in a locked container or locked in a separate compartment of the gun cabinet.
5. Availability of Supervision:
  - Describe the work schedule of all members of the household
  - Current relationship with extended family members
  - Support network in place for the Life-Sharing family
  - Willingness to cooperate with the DBHDD approved agency
6. Family Dynamics:
  - Interest and Hobbies (include clubs, groups, association etc.)
  - Personality of each member of the household
  - Interaction and relationship with neighbors

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# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Host Home Study cont.

## Host Home Study Details:

### • Experience and Expectations


- If potential HH provider currently works for the agency submitting application, a letter of resignation will need to be submitted prior to approval of the site
- Attitudes towards family involvement is in regards to the individual placement's family – not the potential HH provider's family

### • Description of the type of individual desired by the prospective Life-Sharer

- Ambulatory, non-verbal, etc.

### • Room, Board and Watchful Oversight

- This is a signed, dated statement from the agency that indicates the potential HH provider has the capacity to provide room, board and watchful oversight

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- Examples of ways each person in household tend to interact with others in the home
- Examples of ways each family member react to stress and coping strategies used
- Family meal-time interaction (include what meals family eat together if applicable)
- Family activities after work/school tobedtime
- Description of a typical Saturday, Sunday, Holiday and vacations
- Church or other religiousrelationship
- Acceptance of an individual(s) of another culture/ethnicity. (Include response to various cultural issues i.e. religious practices, eating habits, holiday traditions)
- Attitudes on potential placement(s) dating
- Alcohol or drug use in the family (include history and where alcohol is stored)
- Anticipated adjustment of each Life-Sharing member to a potential placement

7. Experience and Expectations:

- The motivation for Life-Sharing including but not limited to attitudes towards an individual with developmental disability
- Document the following:
  - a. Whether or not the potential Life-Sharing family worked for another provider (in or out of state)
  - b. Whether or not the potential Life-Sharing family ever been denied
  - c. Whether or not the potential Life-Sharing family been investigated for any serious reportable incident
- Knowledge of intellectual/developmental disabilities, attitudes and skills
- Methods of discipline used by applicant ifapplicable
- Discuss training and compliance requirements (include Host Home/Life- Sharing Operating Procedures, DBHDD Provider Manual, DCH Waiver Manual and Agency Policy and Procedures)
- Attitudes towards family involvement of the potential placement
- Description of experience with working with individuals with MRDD, if applicable

8. A description of the type of individual desired by the prospective Life-Sharer

9. Who will be transporting the individual(s) and how would transportation be provided

10. The home study is to be completed, reviewed, signed with designated title, and dated by a designated employee of the agency or professional under contract with the agency and reviewed, signed and dated by the Agency Director/Program Director or Developmental Disability Professional (DDP).

11. Documentation of any recommendation regarding approval as a prospective Life-Sharer, including description of identified training or resources needed, and that the prospective Life sharers possess the capacity to provide room, board and watchful oversight.

12. Notification of Approval. Prospective Host Home/Life-Sharer(s) will be notified in writing as to whether or not they have been approved by the agency

**The following documents must be included along with the host home study for each Host Home application:**

- a. A general health examination of each member living in the potential Host Home.
- b. Evidence of screening for tuberculosis and communicable disease and a general statement from a licensed practitioner identifying any communicable diseases for all adults and children **16 years** of age and older living in the potential Host Home.
- c. Criminal History Records Check of all household members age seventeen (17) and above. Please note that this does not include individual receiving DD Waiver services. You may review the policy regarding Criminal History Records checks for Contractors, 04-104

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## Host Home Supporting Documents:

- **Homeowner's, renter's insurance**
  - Current document within the most recent 2 months of submission
- **Mortgage statement/Lease agreement acceptable documents**
  - Fully executed lease outlining dates of occupancy
  - Bill for mortgage that includes site address and name of potential HH provider
  - Deed that includes site address and name of potential HH provider
  - Tax Bill that includes site address and name of potential HH provider

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d. A minimum of three (3) character references for the potential Host Home/Life-Sharing provider(s)

e. Proof of homeowner's, renter's insurance or personal property insurance

f. Statement as to whether or not there are firearms in the home.

g. Documentation of home ownership (e.g. current mortgage statement) or renter's lease. Document(s) must be in the name of the potential Host Home provider.

h. Signed statement from potential Host Home provider indicating the receipt and review of the Operational Standards for Host Home/Life Sharing (Attachment A) and this policy, Policy and Procedures and the Policy for Enrolling, Matching and Monitoring Host Homes for DBHDD Community Providers.

i. Signed attestation between the agency and the potential host home provider regarding the below listed training which includes evidence of the type of training, content, dates, length of training, and/or copies of certificates for each potential host home provider.

- Person centered values, principles and approaches
- Human Rights and responsibilities
- Recognizing and Reporting Critical Incident
- Individual Service Plan
- Confidentiality of individual information, both written and spoken
- Fire Safety
- Emergency and disaster plans and procedures
- Techniques of standard precautions
- Basic cardiac life support (BCLS)
- First aid and safety
- Medication Administration and Management/Supervision of Self-Medication Agency Policy and Procedures

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# Things to Consider for Host Homes

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Before submitting the Host Home (HH) application and supporting documents; it is imperative that the following is reviewed by a member of your agency:

- **Are these documents submitted for the members of the home that will serve as the Primary Host Home provider(s)?**
  - A minimum of three (3) character references
    - Family Member
    - Agency where potential HH provider has worked with individuals with IDD (if applicable)
  - Signed statement indicating receipt and review of applicable policies within most recent 12 months
  - Signed attestation between agency and potential HH provider indicating that required training has been completed within most recent 12 months
  - Firearm statement within most recent 12 months
- **Are these documents submitted for each member of the home?**
  - Signed, dated general health exam within the most recent 12 months
  - TB Test within the most recent 2 years (16 years old and older)
  - Criminal Background Check within the most recent 12 months (17 years old and older)

**Note:** These documents are not required for the Individual(s) to be served.

# Things to Consider for Host Homes cont.

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- **Is the HH Study completed by a staff member of the agency submitting the application?**
  - This should **not** be completed by the potential HH provider
- **Is the HH Study signed by an authorized staff member of the agency submitting the application?**
  - This should **not** be completed by the potential HH provider
- **Does my agency have at least one (1) CLA licensed home with an active provider number?**



# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: BSS Staffing Form

## BSS Staffing Form:

- This page should only be completed if the agency is requesting Behavioral Supports Services initially. If adding additional BSS staff, a Staff Update form is required.
- The Site Address cannot be a residential address. In most cases, this address will be the agency's Corporate Address and/or Day Program site.
- BSS services can be added to a PHC licensed site
- The Name, Phone Number and Email Address of the BSS Staff should be listed
- Be sure to provide a current resume, evidence of specialized training/education, and professional license or certificate (if applicable) for each staff listed



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**V. BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS SERVICES (BSS) STAFFING FORM**

*Please Note: An existing provider of BSS services adding new BSS staff does not need to submit an Existing Provider Application, a Staff Update form should be submitted.*

Submit the following for each staff applying for BSS services:  
*This information will be reviewed by the DBHDD Division of Developmental Disabilities to determine eligibility.*

1. Current Resume
2. Evidence of specialized training and education
3. Professional License or Certificate (if applicable)

**BSS Level 2:**  
At least one staff must meet the Level 2 requirements

| Name | Phone | Email |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |
|      |       |       |
|      |       |       |

**BSS Level 1:**

| Name | Phone | Email |
|------|-------|-------|
|      |       |       |
|      |       |       |
|      |       |       |



# DBHDD/ASO Existing Provider Application: Participation Statement

## Participation Statement:

- This page must be signed/dated by an authorized staff member within your agency
- This page may be signed electronically or manually



### VI. PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) requires that services be provided according to the service guidelines and that the agency will operate in accordance with applicable standards, rules and regulations and policies.

By signing below, I hereby certify and attest that my staff, agents, contractors, subcontractors, billing agent(s) and I have reviewed and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable DBHDD and Department of Community Health (DCH)/ Medicaid Provider manuals.

I understand and acknowledge that the policies and procedures manuals are amended (generally on a quarterly basis) when either Department finds it necessary or appropriate to do so, and that it is my responsibility to check periodically for any revisions pertaining to the delivery of or reimbursement for services rendered to eligible individuals.

I further understand that failure to abide by either Department's (DBHDD or DCH) policies and procedures will result in adverse actions including, but not limited to the denial of claims, monetary recoupment, termination, suspension of payments, and reduction of reimbursement.

I certify and attest that I have reviewed the entire contents of the completed application and that the information provided is accurate and complete. I understand that inaccurate, incomplete or omitted data may lead to sanctions against me.

**Under applicable state and federal laws, I do hereby affirm that I am the authorized agent to complete this document and that the information contained herein this document is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that material misrepresentation and/or falsification of any information contained herein shall result in the immediate removal of further consideration for participation.**

| Authorized Signature                       |  |               |  |
|--|--|---------------|--|
| Authorized Representative's Name           |  | Title         |  |
| Authorized Representative's E-mail Address |  | Phone Number: |  |
| Authorized Signature:                      |  |               |  |



# Submitting the Existing Provider Application

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Completed applications and supporting documents should be sent via email to:

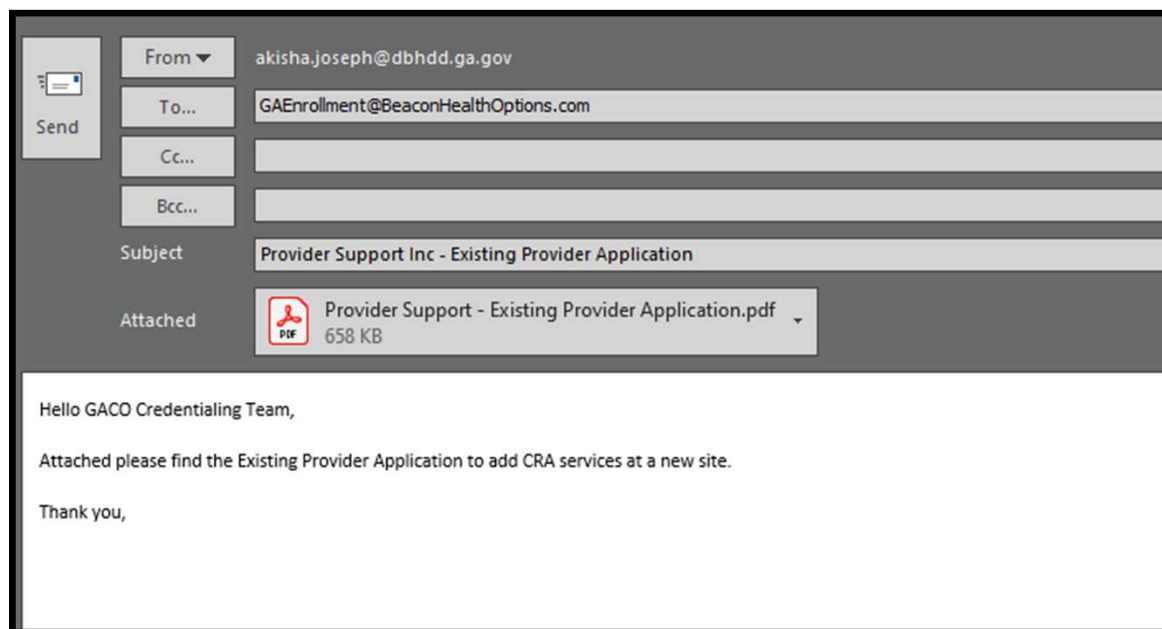
[GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com)

E-mail is the primary source of communication; Please ensure the email address listed on the application is correct



# Requirements for Email Submission

- List the agency name and description of attachment in the Subject line and body of the email
- Documents must be attached in PDF format
- Do not embed attachments within the e-mail or use hyperlinks
- Email mailbox size limit of 20MB or approximately 320 pages
- Submissions may need to be sent through multiple emails if a submission exceeds the mailbox size limit
- Zip Files will not be accepted



**Tip:** If scanning documents, do not send to the Georgia Collaborative directly from the scanner. Instead, scan the document to yourself first, save to your computer and create and send an e-mail using the requirements outlined above.

# Application Review Completed, What Now?

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- If application is for CRA services in a host home, an SV is required and a request for the SV is sent to agency.
  - The agency submitting the application must request the Site Visit by contacting the Regional Field Office within **two (2) weeks** of notification from the Georgia Collaborative.
  - If no SV is required and/or if required, after SV approval from the Region, a request for completion of the DCH application along with instructions is sent to the provider.
  - The provider **must** submit a copy of the completed online DCH application back to the Collaborative to [GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com) being sure to include your assigned GA Collaborative tracking and inquiry number.
- ❖ *Note that a DCH application is not required if applying to add a service to an existing location (non CRA). The new service will be added to the existing Medicaid Provider number, if approved.*

# Application Review Completed, What Now cont.?

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- Upon receipt of an adequate and complete DCH application, an approval recommendation is forwarded to DBHDD Enrollment to include the DCH application and supporting documents.
- DBHDD will review the information submitted. If DBHDD agrees with the ASO's recommendation to approve, the packet is then forwarded to DCH. Note that additional information may be requested if DBHDD review determines it is needed before being processed by DCH Enrollment.
- If additional information is needed by DCH Enrollment after their review, the agency will be contacted by DCH through email with a Return to Provider (RTP) letter. The provider may also be contacted by DBHDD Enrollment to assist with this process.
- If no additional information is needed, DCH will review the application and supporting documents submitted and activate the Medicaid Provider ID Number(s) for the new services/site OR add services to the existing provider numbers at the already established location.
- **Note that the processing from DCH can take from 4-6 weeks. This is only an approximation as the actual time frame can be shorter or longer.**

# Application Review Completed, What Now cont.?

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Upon activation of new provider number(s) or adding of services to existing provider number(s), the agency will receive an approval from DCH as well as an approval letter from the DBHDD Office of Provider Enrollment.

If the agency receives DCH approval letter prior to receiving the DBHDD Approval Letter, please submit a copy of the letter from DCH to DBHDD's Office of Provider Enrollment via email at [mhddad-serviceapps@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:mhddad-serviceapps@dbhdd.ga.gov).

Remember to obtain a copy of the PIN Letter from DCH in order to register the Medicaid ID Number(s)

❖ ***Note that you may receive a Notification of Denial from DCH. If this is received, please submit the information requested by DCH and notify DBHDD Office of Provider Enrollment via email at [mhddad-serviceapps@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:mhddad-serviceapps@dbhdd.ga.gov) so that we may assist with having DCH reopen and continue the processing of application.***

# Termination/Deactivation Request

The following should be noted when submitting a Deactivation  
(One form must be completed for each provider number)

- The Termination/Deactivation should be submitted if a provider is no longer providing services at a current approved site or if the current active provider number/site is being transferred or taken over by another provider. **(Note that the new provider will be assigned a new provider number, but the current provider must complete the termination/deactivation form as you can not have 2 active numbers at the same site by 2 different providers).**
- Number 1 on the right top of form, **Medicaid ID Number** is the provider number to be terminated/deactivated.
- Note that a provider will not be able to submit any additional billing after the effective date of termination listed, so please make sure this date corresponds with the last date you're billing.
- Completed form should be sent to the GA Collaborative to [GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com)



Georgia Medicaid  
Provider ID or Payee ID  
Termination Request Form

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Doc Type                        | 4119 |
| 1. Medicaid or Payee ID Number* |      |

ONLY ONE Medicaid or Payee ID per form.

**Purpose of this form:**

This form can be used to Terminate (Discontinue Participation) ONE Georgia Medicaid Rendering Provider ID or ONE Georgia Medicaid Payee ID.

**Termination Request Form Instructions:**

- In the box at the top right-hand corner of the form under the Doc Type number (4119), print the Medicaid Provider ID or Payee ID, whichever is applicable for the Termination requested. Only enter ONE Medicaid or Payee ID per form. If you have multiple Medicaid IDs (i.e., 99999A, 99999B, etc.), a separate Form will be required for EACH ID. The Provider or Payee name entered in Step 2 below must match the record for the ID entered in the box above.
- Enter the Rendering Provider OR Payee's information along with the Requested Effective Date of the Termination.
  - ONLY if the Termination is for a Rendering Provider (Individual or Facility), Enter the Provider's Name in this field.
  - ONLY if the Termination requested is for a Payee ID, Enter the Payee Name in this field. This is not required if the Provider's name is entered in field "a".
  - NPI is ONLY required for Termination requests for a Rendering Provider ID. If information is not entered in field "a", NPI is not required.
  - Tax ID is required for ALL termination requests.
- Complete the contact information for the individual and/or organization making this request.
- By signing this form, you are attesting that you are authorized to submit this request on the Provider or Payee's behalf. Forms that are not signed or incomplete will not be processed.

\*\*Termination Requests for Contracts (440, 680, 681) need to be submitted DIRECTLY to DBHDD and Contract (590) terminations need to be submitted to (DHS) Department of Aging Services, not HP Provider Enrollment.\*\*

MAIL the completed form to:  
HP Enterprise Services  
Attn: Provider Enrollment Unit  
P.O. Box 105201  
Tucker, GA. 30085-5201

OR

FAX the completed form to:  
1-866-483-1044

To insure this document is routed correctly, fax each request separately, and please, DO NOT INCLUDE A COVER SHEET.

|  |        |   |       |
|--|--------|---|-------|
| <b>2. Provider or Payee ID Information</b>                       |        | Requested Effective Date of Termination:* |       |
| a. Provider's Name:*   |        | c. NPI:*                                  |       |
| b. Payee Name:   |        | d. Tax ID:*                               |       |
| <b>3. Contact Information-Person Requesting the Termination*</b> |        |   |       |
| Name of Person Submitting Request:*                              |        |   |       |
| Facility/Organization/Practice Name:                             |        |   |       |
| Mailing Address:*  |        |   |       |
| State #:   | City:* | St:*                                      | Zip:* |
| Contact Phone #:*  |        | Contact Fax #:                            |       |
| Contact E-Mail Address:  |        |   |       |
| <b>4. Certification and Signature*</b>                           |        |   |       |
| Printed Name of Authorized Individual:*                          |        | Title:*                                   |       |
| Signature of Authorized Individual:*                             |        | Date:*                                    |       |

All fields marked with "\*" are REQUIRED.

REV: 5/2012



# Reactivation Requests

## The following should be noted when submitting a Reactivation (One form must be completed for each provider number)

- The Reactivation request can only be submitted if your provider number is in suspension mode. If the provider number is terminated, you will have to submit an existing provider agency application for a new provider number.
- Number 1 on the right top of form, **Medicaid ID Number** is the provider number to be reactivated
- The information under #2 is for the agency and not the site to be reactivated.
- Letter b, **Contract to Reactivate** is either 680 or 681 based on the provider number listed on top for reactivation.
- Completed form should be sent to the GA Collaborative to [GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com)



### Georgia Medicaid Provider ID Reactivation Request Form

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Doc Type               | 4119 |
| 1. Medicaid ID Number* |      |

ONLY ONE Medicaid ID per form.

#### Purpose of this form:

This form can be used to Reactivate Participation of ONE Suspended Georgia Medicaid Rendering Provider ID. FIRST, go to [www.mms.ga.gov](http://www.mms.ga.gov) and click on Provider Enrollment and then choose Provider Contract Status. Enter the Provider ID and click Search. You do not have to enter the ATN or Provider Name. Click anywhere in the Results field and the Contract Status will be shown. If the Provider ID is in a SUSPENDED status, this form may be used. If the Provider ID is TERMINATED, the Provider must re-enroll. Instructions for re-enrollment can be found at [www.mms.ga.gov](http://www.mms.ga.gov) in the Provider Enrollment section.

#### Reactivation Request Form Instructions:

1. In the box at the top right-hand corner of the form under the Doc Type number (4119), enter the Medicaid Provider ID (including letter suffix) requested. Only enter ONE Medicaid ID per form. If you have multiple Medicaid IDs (i.e., 999999999A, 999999999B, etc.), a separate form will be required for EACH ID. The Provider name entered in Step 2 below must match the record for the ID entered in the box above.

2. Enter the Rendering Provider's information.

a. Enter the Provider's Name in this field.

b. Enter the GA Medicaid Contract(s) to reactivate for this request, i.e. 430, 300, etc.

c. NPI is required for ALL Reactivation requests.

d. Tax ID is required for ALL Reactivation requests.

3. Complete the contact information for the individual and/or organization making this request.

4. By signing this form, you are attesting that you are authorized to submit this request on the Provider's behalf. Forms that are not signed, invalid, or incomplete will not be processed.

**\*\*Reactivation Requests for Contracts (440, 680, 681) need to be submitted DIRECTLY to DBHDD and Contract (590) Reactivation: need to be submitted to (DHS) Department of Aging Services, not HP Provider Enrollment.\*\***

FAX the completed form to:  
HP Enterprise Services  
Attn: Provider Enrollment Unit  
FAX#-1-866-483-1045

|   |  |       |                               |        |      |
|---|--|-------|-------------------------------|--------|------|
| <b>2. Provider ID Information</b>                                   |  |       |                               |        |      |
| a. Provider's Name*   |  |       | b. Contract(s) to Reactivate: |        |      |
| c. NPI*   |  |       | d. Tax ID*                    |        |      |
| <b>3. Contact Information - Person Requesting the Reactivation*</b> |  |       |                               |        |      |
| Name of Person Submitting Request*                                  |  |       |                               |        |      |
| Facility/Organization/Practice Name:                                |  |       |                               |        |      |
| Mailing Address*  |  |       |                               |        |      |
| Suite #:  |  | City* |                               | St*    | Zip* |
| Contact Phone #:  |  |       | Contact Fax #:                |        |      |
| Contact E-Mail Address:   |  |       |                               |        |      |
| <b>4. Certification and Signature*</b>                              |  |       |                               |        |      |
| Printed Name of Authorized Individual*                              |  |       |                               | Title* |      |
| Signature of Authorized Individual*                                 |  |       |                               | Date*  |      |

All fields marked with "\*" are REQUIRED.

REV: 3/2015



# Reference Materials/Resources

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- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities – Provider Information – Provider Toolkit
  - [www.dbhdd.georgia.gov](http://www.dbhdd.georgia.gov)
  - [IDD Provider Manual](#)
  - <http://gadbhdd.policystat.com>
- Georgia Collaborative
  - [www.Georgiacollaborative.com](http://www.Georgiacollaborative.com)
  - [All Forms](#)

# Contact Information

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For questions regarding the status of Applications, COIs, Staff Updates, etc.

please email:

[GACollaborative@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GACollaborative@beaconhealthoptions.com)

For the processing of initial submissions of Applications, COI, Staff Updates  
as well as requested corrections,

please email:

[GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com](mailto:GAEnrollment@beaconhealthoptions.com)

# OHW Updates

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Director Office of Health &  
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**D·B·H·D·D**

Georgia  
Department of  
Behavioral Health  
& Developmental  
Disabilities

# Statewide Clinical Oversight For Waivered Participants

## Purpose

- Processes of Notification & Identification
- Applicable to parties responsible for support of (waivered) DD individuals
- Facing heightened level of risk to complexity of:
  - Medical needs risks
  - Behavioral needs/risks
  - Environmental needs/risks

## How do I submit notifications?

Notification of the Office of Health & Wellness of individual need for Statewide Clinical Oversight is implemented by sending the following information to [StatewideClinicalOversight@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:StatewideClinicalOversight@dbhdd.ga.gov)

# **Who can notify OHW of an Individual's Qualification for Statewide Clinical Oversight?**

1. Individuals/Family/Guardian
2. Residential Providers
3. Clinical Provider (contracted/community-based)
4. Support Coordination entities/personnel
5. Field Office Personnel
6. Stakeholders with a vested interest in overall DD individual wellbeing

## **Statewide Clinical Oversight Qualifiers**

1. Increase of HRST score
2. Recurring Serious Illness
3. Diagnosis of Fatal Five
4. Emergency Visit/Hospitalization
5. Outstanding Assessment (clinical)
6. Outstanding/Needed/Broken equipment or assistive devices
7. Life Threatening/Environment of Care Issue
8. Allegation of Abuse or Neglect

## **Notification is to include**

1. Individual Name
2. Address (if applicable)/Region
3. Reporters relation to DD individual (include contact information)
4. Event/Incident warranting Statewide Clinical Oversight
  - a. Date/Time of event/incident
  - b. Supporting/contextual information regarding event/incident
  - c. (Provider) Action implemented to resolve/stabilize/mitigate individual risk



## **(Continued) Notification is to include**

4. Assigned Support Coordinator
  - a. Support Coordinator Contact information
  - b. Date and Time of Support Coordination Notification
  - c. (Support Coordinator) Action Implemented to resolve/stabilize or mitigate individual risk
5. Assigned Field Office (include contact information)
  - a. Date and Time of Field office Notification and parties notified
  - b. (Field Office) Action Implemented to resolve/stabilize or mitigate individual risk

# Office of Health & Wellness Provider Training Announcements





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**Office of Health & Wellness  
2022 Virtual Nursing Education Series**

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022 – Friday, May 20, 2022**

## OHW Emory Curriculum 2022

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- **Web Based Training Series available through Emory.**
- **Send email to [shannon.l.smith@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:shannon.l.smith@dbhdd.ga.gov)**
- **to be added to registration list.**
  
- **CEU Credits are available.**

## HRST Advanced Rater In-app Training is Launching May 16th!

Benefits to this online training are:

- More interactive training experience.
- Complete the training at your own pace.
- Engaging scenarios.
- Knowledge Checks to ensure Raters understand important concepts.
- Increased screening accuracy.
- Raters can take and re-take the training or portions of the training as often as they like.
- No more registering for a webinar or having to travel to on-site training locations

## HRST Advanced Rater In-app Training

### Existing Raters

- Any Rater who has an Online Rater Training completion date before May 16, 2022, will have a full year (May 16, 2023) to complete the now required (In-app) Advanced Rater Training.
- Your HRST Service Representatives, along with the new HRST Dashboard, will be regularly reminding Raters of the need to complete Advanced Rater Training on or prior to May 16, 2023, to avoid having their account placed in a "View Only" status.

## HRST Advanced Rater In-app Training

### Future Raters

- Any Rater who has an Online Rater Training completion date after May 16, 2022, will have (6) six months to complete Advanced Rater Training after completing Online Rater Training.
- Again, your HRST Service Representative and the new HRST Dashboard will help Raters remember this deadline to avoid having their account placed in "View Only" status.

## HRST DASHBOARD IS NOW AVAILABLE!

- The Dashboard is a set of informational cards created with the purpose of bringing relevant HRST data directly to you for at-a-glance review, allowing you to quickly act on the tasks you came into the HRST to perform.
- As you may have already noticed, the Dashboard is now the default landing page when you log into the HRST.
- For more information on how best to utilize and customize your dashboard, please see the [Dashboard User Guide](#).
- For a short video tutorial on how to utilize the Dashboard, please navigate to your user account, select the Trainings tab, and view the training titled "**Utilizing the HRST Dashboard**"
- Should you need further help with finding or configuring your dashboard, please contact support at [GAsupport@replacingrisk.com](mailto:GAsupport@replacingrisk.com)



## **HRST Provider Admins to launch in May**

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DBHDD, in collaboration with IntellectAbility, is introducing new functionality within the HRST that will offer higher provider-level information to specified users in each provider agency.

Each provider agency is being asked to select at least two HRST users to be designated as a Provider Admin for their agency.

## HRST Provider Admins

### What is a Provider Admin?

A Provider Admin is an HRST user who has access to see data across their provider agency. This includes additional Dashboard cards and reports with information related to Persons Served screenings, User training progress, etc.

### Who should I choose as my provider's admin?

It is recommended to specify a person who has oversight over your agency. Data offered to Provider Admins is intended to show the overall status of your HRST users and Persons Served.

The people you wish to designate as Provider Admins must have an active HRST account.

## HRST Provider Admins – Call To Action

If you have not submitted Provider Admins to HRST  
(Please respond today)

How do I submit my provider's admins?

Initially, please fill out the following form with at least two users who will be Provider Admins: <https://zfrmz.com/hGiT4FP0iFTulviwH2fg>

After the launch, any updates or additional users you wish to designate the Provider Admin role to can be submitted through the HRST Helpdesk at [GASupport@ReplacingRisk.com](mailto:GASupport@ReplacingRisk.com)

## HRST User Requested Courses Launch in May 2022

New functionality is being introduced to allow users to request trainings to be added to their trainings tab from within the HRST. This design allows a user to request trainings for themselves only and not on behalf of any other user.

Click on the training cap icon in the top right corner of HRST to automatically navigate to the Training Tab



## Available Courses

- You will see “Available Courses” which are the courses that can be requested and sent directly to IntellectAbility’s support team for approval.
- Note – Only certain courses need to be requested, while other courses with no prerequisites can be added directly by a user without any approval needed.
- Under that you will see “My Assigned Courses”, this will show you what courses you have currently assigned and any courses that were requested and approved.
- Simply navigate into this section of the HRST and request what courses you would like to add with the click of a button. If a course is approved or rejected, you will receive an email notification directly from [GAsupport@replacingrisk.com](mailto:GAsupport@replacingrisk.com) notifying you the status and a statement on why.

## OHW eLearn Courses

- **Healthcare Plan eLearn course for Provider RN Staff**

This 30-minute, self-paced course will teach you all the information you will need to easily create and update Healthcare Plans in the HRST. [clicking here](#) will access flyer

- **Provider Nursing Assessment eLearn course for RN Staff**

This 30-minute, self-paced course will teach you all the information you will need to easily create and update Provider Nursing Assessments in the HRST. [clicking here](#) will access flyer

The RN can request the course assignment directly in the HRST Application under Training Tab.



## **New eLearn Courses Available Now**

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**All HRST Raters are encouraged to register for the following courses based on a review of Georgia HRST Data**

**Review of item O and its most common errors**

**Review of item P and its most common errors**

**Review of item T and its most common errors**

## Additional HRST Features Launched in 2022

### Offline/Network Issue Detection

- New functionality has been introduced to display when a user inside the HRST has lost internet connectivity and/or is offline.
- The HRST will display a pop-up message if the browser detects a user has lost their connection or is offline.
- When the browser detects the user is connected again another message will be displayed, letting you know you can now proceed with using the HRST as normal.



## Additional HRST Features Launched in 2022

### HRST Last Update Information

- New functionality has been introduced to display update dates for various components in a person's record.
- On the Diagnoses, Medications, and Vaccinations tabs of a person's record, you will now see the last update information displayed in the top right corner of the page.
- You can still see the same information in a list by clicking on Last Change Info.
- On the Ratings tab, the date field has been relabeled to "Last Rating Update" to clarify that the corresponding date relates to the last time a rating change was made.

## Curriculum in IDD Healthcare eLearn course by IntellectAbility

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- **Training available through Relias and DBHDD University for Physicians, NP, and Nurses**
- **This course can be stopped and started at the convenience of the learner.**
- **There is no cost for this course and CME and CEU credits are available.**

If you are interested in registering, please send an email to [martha.thweatt@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:martha.thweatt@dbhdd.ga.gov) for instructions on accessing the course.

**HRST Clinical Reviewer eLearn Course to launch later this year!**



# Incident Reporting for I/DD Providers

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Disabilities

# Incident Reporting Steps

- 1 Refer to Policy 04-106 and Attachment A to determine reportable incidents
- 2 Enter incident into Image the same business day unless a death – deaths reported within 2 hours or as soon as practicable
- 3 Respond to requests for additional information from incident management staff within 24 hours
- 4 Implement any safety plan measures you've identified to prevent reoccurrence

## Definition of a Reportable Incident

Any event that involves an immediate threat to the care, health or safety of any individual in community residential services, in community crisis home services, while on site or in the care of a provider, in the company of a provider staff or contractor, or enrolled in participant-directed services.

**\*\*\*DEATHS HAVE ADDITIONAL REPORTING PARAMETERS**

# Incident Reporting Reminders

- Person identifiers are only for individuals and family members. They are not needed for staff names.
- As required by law or regulation, it is a provider's responsibility to report to other parties (APS, LE, etc.)
  - Do add the notification in Stage 2, document in Stage 3's incident description when you have reported to other agencies and upload any documentation confirming your report.
- Log into Image within 45 days to prevent lock outs.
- DOBs are needed for deidentified staff (Jane/John Doe) in COVID Reports.
- It is okay to report multiple people in one COVID IR if they are associated with the same location/incident.

# COVID Reporting

## Corona Virus/COVID-19 Tracking in Image – Community Provider Version Effective 3/24/2020

### New COVID-19 Related Incident Types (applicable to staff and individuals):

- **920 Exposure - Corona Virus:** Being within approximately 6 feet of a laboratory-confirmed positive case of Corona Virus for a prolonged period; Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a positive case (e.g., being coughed on).
- **921 Positive - Corona Virus:** Laboratory-confirmed diagnosis of Corona Virus.
- **922 Death - Corona Virus:** Suspected or known to be related to Corona Virus. For individuals served, this also needs to be reported as a Death incident type (100-104).

### FOR DD RELATED SERVICES:

Entries in Image for **920 – Exposure** are **ONLY REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS**. Reporting of staff exposures is no longer required.

Entries in Image for **921 – Positive, and 922 – Death** **ARE STILL REQUIRED** for both staff and individuals.

Entries in Image for **923 – Recovery** will **no longer be required** for individuals or staff at any locations.

|            | 920 Exposed  | 921 Positive | 922 Death | 923 Recovery |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Staff      | Not required | REQUIRED     | REQUIRED  | Not required |
| Individual | REQUIRED     | REQUIRED     | REQUIRED  | Not required |

*DD Providers should continue to work with the DBHDD Office of Health and Wellness staff who will maintain follow-up activities on individuals who test positive until that individual is no longer identified as being positive for COVID 19 or in the event of death, reported as deceased. (Note: Resolution of positive will be based upon CDC Guidelines for designation of COVID 19 negative status.)*



# Common Incident Errors

## Hospitalization – Medical

- Admitted?
- Residential?
- On site/with staff?

## Elopement

- Out of site?
- Residential?
- On site/with staff?

## Medication Error

- Adverse consequences?

## ANE by non-staff

- Report to APS
- Report to Law Enforcement

## Requires an Injury Severity of 3+

- Aggressive Physical act Ind/Ind
- Aggressive act Ind/Non-Ind
- Suicide Attempt

## Psychiatric Hospitalization

- Residential?
- Admitted?

# Expected and Unexpected Death Reporting Clarification

## Expected Death

- Cause of Death from terminal disease greater than 30 days
- In residential/CLS services
- Occurred on site of provider or in presence of staff
- Person was discharged within 30 days of death

## Unexpected Death

- Doesn't meet definition of other death codes
- In residential/CLS services
- Occurred on site of provider or in presence of staff
- Person was discharged within 30 days of death

# Email Contacts

Image Issues:  
Image.App@dbhdd.ga.gov

Incident Reporting:  
dbhddincidents@dbhdd.ga.gov

Investigations:  
dbhdd.investigations@dbhdd.ga.gov

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# NCI Staff Stability Survey 2021

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Disabilities

# NCI Staff Stability Survey 2021

## **What is the National Core Indicators®-IDD (NCI®-IDD) Staff Stability Survey?**

- The National Core Indicators (NCI) Staff Stability Survey for 2021 began April 1<sup>st</sup> for eligible Providers who employed Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) during the 2021 calendar year.
- This survey gathers information about employees providing direct “hands on” services and supports to adults, often referred to as Direct Support Professionals (DSPs).
- The data will help DBHDD, state policy-makers, and advocates learn how to improve the quality and stability of the DSP workforce in our state.

# NCI Staff Stability Survey 2021

The survey will ask about the status of your agency's DSP workforce employed between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. Provider agencies should have received emails with a unique link to the survey. The survey deadline is **June 30, 2022**.

## The survey will ask about:

**Demographics (region, county, city)**

**Length of DSP employment**

**Number of DSPs employed**

**Vacant positions**

**Wages**

**Benefits**

**Recruitment & Retention strategies**

**Aspects of COVID-19**

# NCI Staff Stability Survey 2021

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Survey links are unique to the Provider contact's email address and cannot be forwarded to another individual. The survey should be completed by your Human Resources or Payroll offices and reflect Direct Support Professionals who were on payroll during any period between **January 1 – December 31, 2021**.

2

Once you click on the survey link, you will have the opportunity to download a PDF of the survey tool for reference only. Surveys will not be accepted or counted if they are not entered into the online system. You can access the survey as many times as necessary to add responses, edit responses or complete the survey later.

3

**Survey due date is June 30<sup>th</sup>**. For any and all survey questions, please contact Latonya Williams [latonya.e.williams@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:latonya.e.williams@dbhdd.ga.gov)

# Relias Discussion IDD Provider Meeting

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**BE D·B·H·D·D**

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

**Theo Carter, Jr. - Sr. Director of Learning**

**Christi Ritter - Training & Development Specialist**

**Chris Wood – Director of Learning Development**

**May 12, 2022**



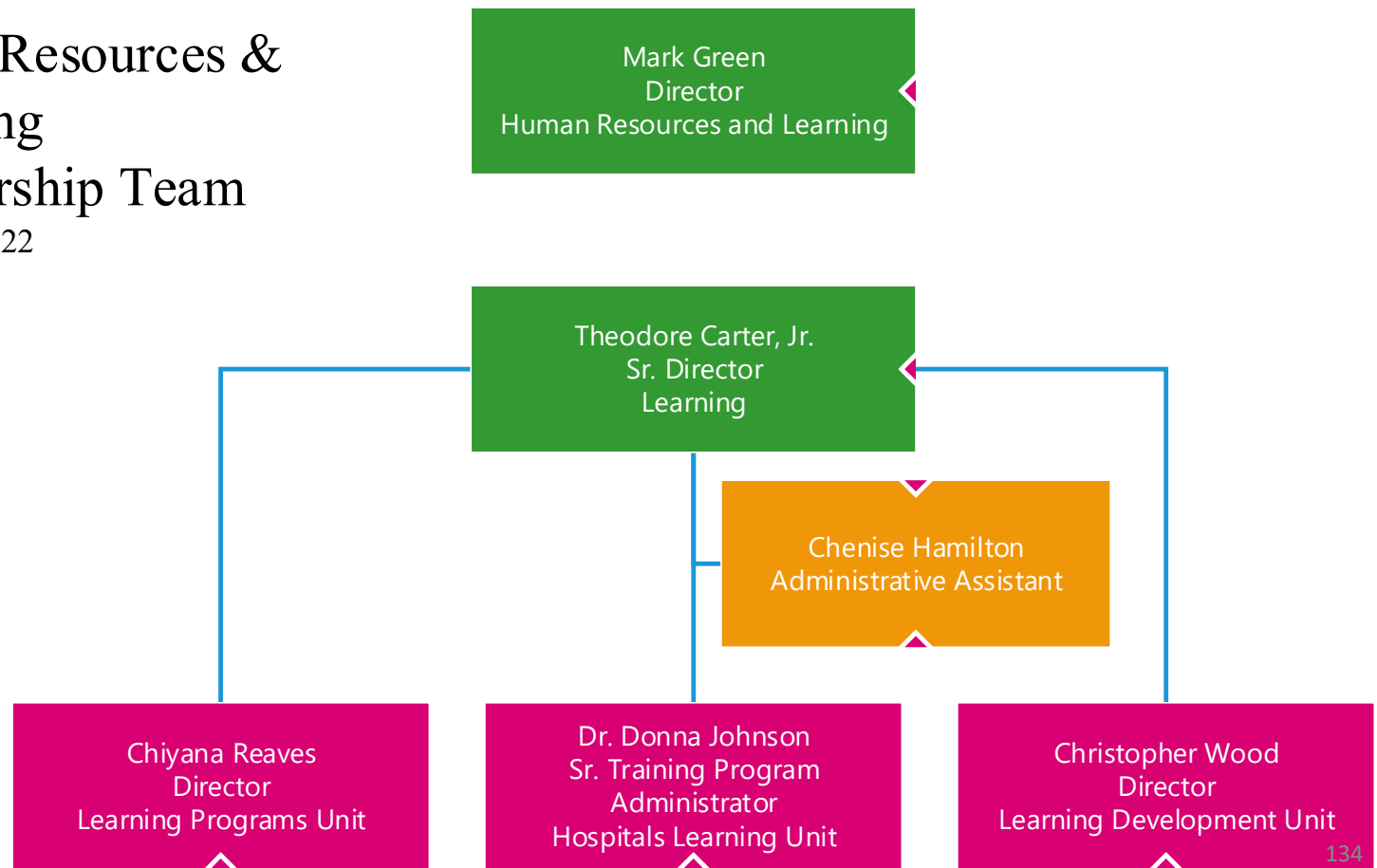


Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow.

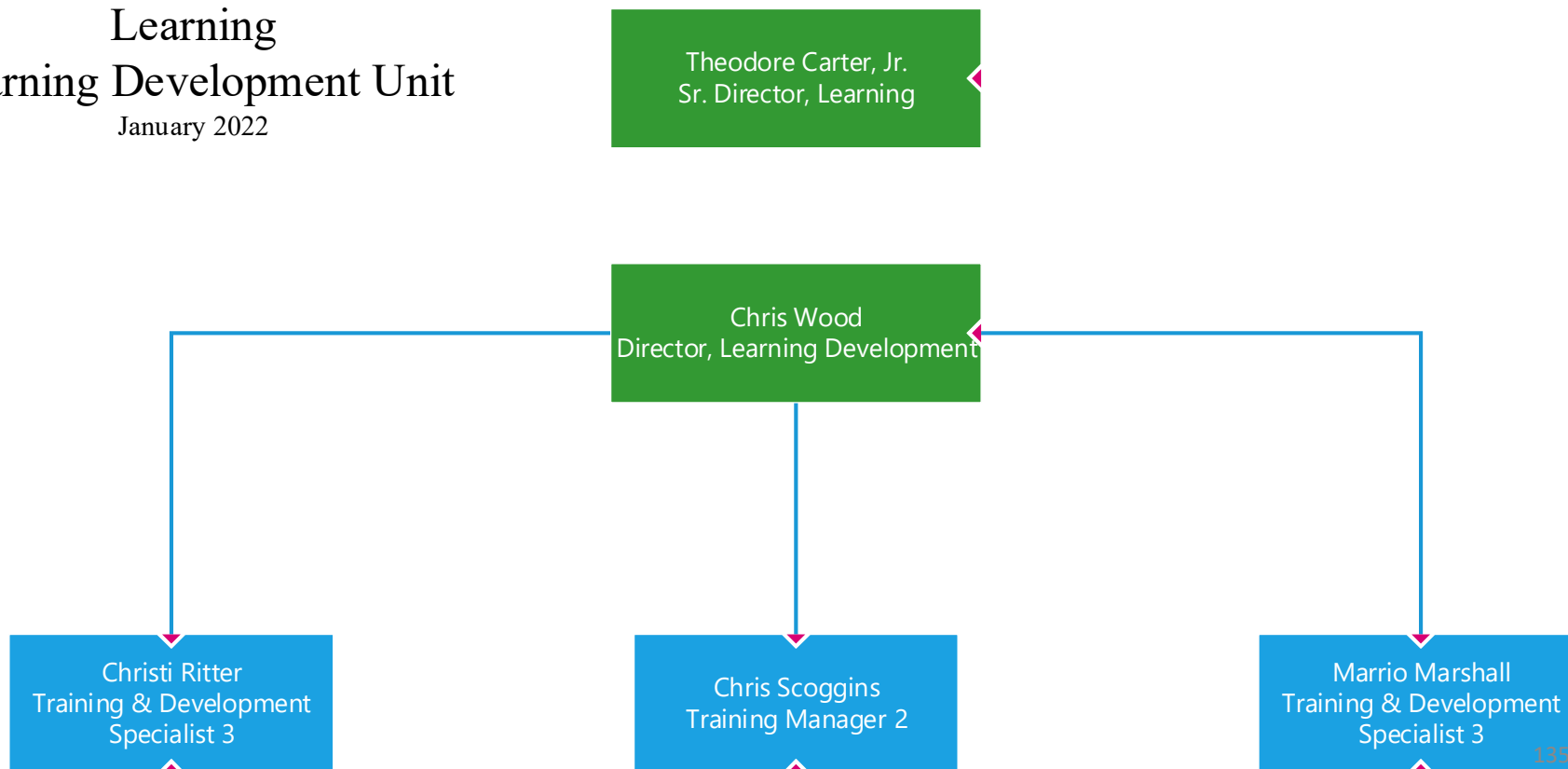
- William Pollard

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Learning Leadership Team  
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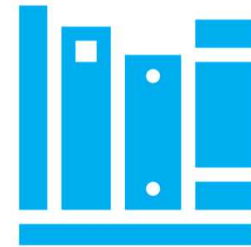


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DBHDD sets training requirements in the DD provider manual.



The DBHDD Relias library is available to any DBHDD associated agency.

## A Little Background

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Library has grown beyond required courses

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DBHDD GENERATED COURSES

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RELIAS COURSES

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DEAF SERVICES

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PERSON CENTERED THINKING

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Originally, the site was set up as a large pool of licenses with all Providers located in one site financially supported by DBHDD.



## Pros

Access to modules  
License flexibility  
DBHDD Funded




## Challenges

Inactivation of users after 90 days  
Limited access to training plans  
and Relias support  
Inability to coordinate recurring  
training  
Providers restricted from accessing  
administrative control

## DBHDD Relias Training Site Restructuring

- Each site's license count was based on your Data Utilization over the last 4 years.
- The review was based on courses that are the most used –
  - Abuse & Neglect of Individuals with IDD
  - Deaf Services
  - Emergency Prep for DD Providers
- We maintained the same number of total licenses from the previous two years.





All Providers that qualified have  
been presented their own Relias  
Site financially supported by the  
Department.



## Pros

- Access to modules
- Providers have administrative rights to their training plans
- Access to Relias support
- DBHDD Funded



## Challenges

- Limited licenses
- Elimination of automatic inactivation of user accounts



Next Steps:  
Remove any active users from agency with  
new site from DBHDD Site

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## Final Thought

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*Thank you!*



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# Provider Q & A

