

MEMORANDUM

TO: All DDW Providers and other Interested Parties

FROM: Cheryl L. Frazine, Chief *CLF*
Developmental Disabilities Supports Division/Bureau of Behavioral Support

SUBJECT: Funding for Staffing of DD Waiver Participants During Hospital or Nursing Home Admissions

DATE: July 17, 2019

When a participant on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DDW) is admitted into the hospital (or to a nursing home for rehabilitation) their waiver funding is suspended. Although payment for their DDW team stops; often the need of the individual for ongoing support from their team does *NOT* stop. For example, many persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) do not have the ability to communicate easily with unfamiliar listeners and may not have the level of understanding necessary to consent or comply with uncomfortable or painful procedures. In addition, family and friends may be unable to accompany them for support or reassurance while hospitalized or in a nursing home for rehabilitation.

Although some hospitals and nursing homes do not support the use of sitters, please be advised that the DDSD Bureau of Behavioral Support (BBS) has some limited funding available for sitters (or individual-specific training for hospital/nursing home/rehabilitation employees) when the treatment facility or the person's family or friends are unable to support them when needed.

To initiate a request for potential funding to support the staffing needs of the patient with I/DD while they are in the hospital, nursing home, or rehabilitation center, please inform the individual's guardian or DDW agency personnel to contact BBS staff in their regional offices during regular business hours:

Metro	(Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, Valencia counties)	505-841-5500
Northeast	(Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, Union counties)	575-758-5934
Northwest	(Cibola, McKinley, San Juan counties)	505-863-9937
Southeast	(Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Eddy, Lea, Lincoln, Guadalupe, Roosevelt, Quay counties)	575-624-6100
Southwest	(Catron, Dona Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, Sierra, Socorro counties)	575-528-5180

You may also call my office at 505-841-5500 or email me at cheryl.frazine@state.nm.us. Nights and weekends, BBS staff may be reached by providers at the BBS Crisis Line: 505-250-4292.

Thank you.

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