

COVID-19: What we know today

Supplementary Provider payment coming- be sure billing is completed!

DODD is working to provide a 2nd lump-sum payment to Providers in the near future. The payment will be calculated using the provider's total claims payments for dates of service from August 1 - October 31, 2020. If you have outstanding billing during this period, be sure to enter it by 5:00pm on 1/13/21. The department estimates payments will equal approximately two weeks of claims payments.

HPC Rate Increases

The 2021 HPC rates are now posted on the Department website. The rates are effective for service dates of January 1, 2021 and after for HPC and Participant-Directed Homemaker/Personal Care (PD-HPC) Services. [Click here](#) for more details about the rate increase: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/providers/billing/2021-rate-increase>

Updated ADS Reimbursement Available January 1, 2021

To support Adult Day Support (ADS) and Vocational Habilitation (VH) services being provided in alternative ways (in small groups: in a person's home, virtually, on behalf of), DODD created the STEP billing code for providers to use when offering these alternative services. To increase the flexibility and support available through STEP, the following changes will be effective January 1, 2021:

- Providing ADS and/or VH in a group no larger than 5 people, not including a DSP.
- Option to drop into congregate settings to address a person's specific needs while remaining separate from the other cohorts in the facility.

Learn more here: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/communication/news/news-updated-ads-reimbursement-available-january-1-2021>

The Facts About Covid-19 Vaccines for Direct Support Professionals

Direct support professionals have been on the frontlines of supporting people with disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The COVID-19 vaccines are now here and becoming widely available. As this is good news, we also know there is some confusion and worry among people about the efficacy and safety of the vaccine. In this webinar, NADSP in partnership with the American Academy of Developmental Medicine & Dentistry (AADMD) will address vaccine concerns. Please join Rick Rader, MD as he shares up to date and research-based information on the COVID-19 vaccines.

Watch here: https://nadsp.org/webinar-covid-19-what-dsps-need-to-know/?mc_cid=170f1faf45&mc_eid=c8f20f39da

Easy-to-understand COVID vaccine info.

Here's a link to a plain language document on vaccines: <https://selfadvocacyinfo.org/resource/covid-19-vaccine-information-in-plain-language/?fbclid=IwAR0vpXdn7UNzkWOZQG5EQIm1God9dbSyK5W6qM70scW-6ouztPATTNE4RAM>