

COVID-19: What we know today

LCBDD Reimbursement for Competency-based Add-on training

In an additional effort to help our Provider partners, the Licking Co. Bd. Of D.D. is temporarily offering provider agencies reimbursement of DSP wages for the time required to complete the training for the Competency-Based/Longevity Add-On. While we know the current DSP shortage makes it unlikely your DSPs can take advantage of this immediately, we hope this will help with retention once things begin to settle down (because they're going to, right?!). Please see the attached memo for details.

EVV device updates

Sandata recently notified users that their devices must be updated by August 1st. This refers to the free devices sent to the person supported's home to log in and out to meet the requirements of Electronic Visit Verification (EVV).

Please follow the instructions on the device to allow this update. The Sandata help desk is available if you are unable to perform the update. The phone number is 800-805-3505.

DODD MyLearning outage – 7/30-8/3/21

DODD MyLearning will be unavailable for five days beginning **Friday, July 30th at 5 PM**, to add updates and new features to improve the DODD MyLearning experience. Enhancements include better tracking of annual certifications, improved certificates and transcripts, and easier navigation. The upgraded DODD MyLearning will be available for users by **9 AM on August 4th**.

[Changes to SAM Online Database Check - Consider Using ARCS](#)

The System for Award Management (SAM) recently launched a redesigned website. The website can still be found via www.SAM.gov, but the process for confirming an applicant for a direct services position is not excluded, just looks different. [View this guide](#) for using the new SAM website

DODD encourages providers to consider utilizing the [free service available through ARCS](#), which completes the seven required database checks at one time and can be used to fulfill the five-year requirement to check the database.

[Medication Administration Certification Expiration Waiver Expires July 1, 2021](#)

House Bill 404 extended the expiration period for all Medication Administration Certifications so that any certification that expired between March 9, 2020, and April 1, 2021, could remain in effect and be renewed until July 1, 2021. Any certification that expired after April 1, 2021, is not valid for medication administration. Certification holders have up to 60 days to renew their certifications. After 60 days the initial certification class must be repeated to regain certification. Personnel, employers, and delegating nurses can check the dates of medication certification by accessing the public register of certifications found on the Medication Administration page using the ["verification and training classes link"](#).

[Visit Medication Administration Page](#)

DODD Issues DSP and CEO Training Implementation Updates

DODD's Provider Certification Rule (5123:2-2-01) will soon be replaced by two new rules, one for Agency Providers and one for Independent Providers. Although the rules will be effective

September 1, 2021, DODD is delaying some requirements for agency providers as described in the implementation schedule linked here: [Agency Provider Implementation](#)

Important Information and Dates

DODD will continue to waive some of the initial training requirements under the new rule. However, all newly hired DSPs must complete the following through December 31, 2021.

- Training to recognize and report major unusual incidents (MUIs) and unusual incidents (UIs). The training must include at a minimum the definitions of MUIs and UIs, as well as the agency's procedures for reporting.
- Universal precautions.
- Online or in-person first aid and CPR classes.
- Training provided or arranged by the agency provider specific to the individual service plan (ISP) of each person the DSP will support.

Training for DSPs (per the new rule)

- There will no longer be a minimum hour requirement for DSP initial training.
- The current Eight-Hour Provider Training in DODD MyLearning will be replaced with DSP Initial Training on January 1, 2022. The DSP Initial Training on DODD MyLearning will be about 3.75 hours long.
- Two hours of the required eight hours of DSP Annual Training will be available in DODD MyLearning on January 1, 2021.
- Additional hours of annual training will also be available in DODD MyLearning. These are optional and DSPs can seek training from other sources if they meet the requirements listed in the rule.
- DODD is providing curriculum for initial and annual DSP training to agencies or other organizations who wish to provide training in-person or via their learning management systems. The curriculum, including PowerPoint presentations and videos, is available for download on [DODD MyLearning](#).
 - The DODD-provided curriculum can be supplemented and used in conjunction with other training provided by agencies or other training organizations.
 - The size of the curriculum files is very large and, depending on internet speed, may take multiple hours to download.

New Training requirements for Directors of Operations (formerly called CEOs)

- In rule 5123-2-08, the name of the person responsible for the day-to-day operation of an agency has changed from chief executive officer (CEO) to director of operations (DOO).
- DOOs of agency providers must complete orientation and training on empathy-based care via DODD MyLearning before the agency provider applies for initial certification. This training will be available on DODD MyLearning on September 1, 2021.
- DOOs must complete a total of six hours of training annually. Two hours must be completed online on DODD MyLearning. The remaining four hours are selected by the DOO. The four hours must be relevant to services their agency provides, people the agency supports, or management of the agency.

Click [here](#) to view the Provider Certification rules. Detailed training requirements are located in the appendices. Email questions regarding training to training.team@dodd.ohio.gov.

Live Chats

DODD has scheduled two Live Chats to present information and answer questions about the new rule requirements and implementation schedule:

- August 11, 2021, Noon – 1pm [Registration](#)
- August 18, 2021, Noon – 1pm [Registration](#)

LICKING COUNTY
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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Memo

To: Licking County Providers
From: Jason Umstot, Superintendent
Date: 7/22/21
Re: Competency-Based/Longevity Add-On Training Reimbursement

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is temporarily offering provider agencies reimbursement of Direct Support Professional (DSP) wages for the time required to complete the training required for the Competency-Based/Longevity Add-On. This add-on provides an additional \$0.39 per 15-minute unit to the regular reimbursement rate for routine Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC) services. Providers can bill at this higher rate for routine HPC provided by eligible staff thus allowing providers to pass along a minimum \$1.00 hourly wage increase to those eligible DSPs. Providers who seek reimbursement must agree that the minimum \$1.00 hourly wage increase is passed on to all eligible DSPs.

To receive wage reimbursement for this training, please forward an invoice to our Director of Provider and Transition Supports, Angie Finck, at angela.finck@lcountydd.org. Invoices should include the name of the DSP(s), base hourly rate before completion of the training, new hourly wage that shows the minimum \$1.00 increase, number of hours required to complete the training, and proof of completion.

Here is a fun link to a Direct Course Sign-Up Tutorial video hosted by Friends for Life Residential Care, LLC from Toledo that you can feel free to share with your staff:
<https://youtu.be/paB67CR7Zjl>.

As a reminder, Direct Support Professionals interested in obtaining the add-on rate must meet the following conditions to be eligible:

- two years of paid full-time or equivalent experience providing support to people with developmental disabilities,
- and completion of 60 hours of applicable training.

Training that applies toward this add-on includes:

- Completion of Ohio DSPATHS Certificate of Initial Proficiency or Certificate of Advanced Proficiency, regardless of when it was completed,
- or any combination of the following courses completed, within the last five years:
 - Any online course offered through Direct Course accredited by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals.
 - Online courses offered through Relias that have been accredited by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals.
 - Any other NADSP Accredited Course.
 - In-person DSPATHS seminars, offered by the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, with content accredited by the National Alliance of Direct Support Professionals, see oadsp.org/training.
 - Online or in-person training courses that have been approved by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).