

Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT) and Early Intervention Day Treatment (EIDT) Proposed Emergency Relief During Public Health Crisis

Amended on June 2, 2020

As authorized by the Governor's Executive Order 20-06 and Order 20-16, regarding the public health emergency concerning COVID-19, and power delegated to the Governor by Arkansas Code Annotated § 12-75-114, the following agency rule is identified as preventing, hindering, or delaying the agency's ability to render maximum assistance to the citizens of this state and is hereby suspended until the Governor declares the end to the public health emergency in Arkansas.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) and the Division of Medical Services (DMS) is proposing emergency relief for ADDT and EIDT centers in a multi-prong approach. The goal of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is to provide this relief to centers quickly; **however, these changes will require federal approval before the plan can be implemented.**

Offering additional funds for workforce support, client care

- Each ADDT and EIDT provider will receive a fixed-amount, time-limited payment to invest in workforce support, safety, and training. The payment is meant to be flexible so that providers can use it to meet individual needs and ensure continuity of care during the pandemic. Note, this payment would be per provider and not per facility or site. The exact amount has not been finalized.
 - The payment could be used for needs such as maintaining or expanding current treatment capacity, changing practice patterns to increase health safety, additional staffing, and increased cleaning.
- Each facility will get increased reimbursement for providing continued treatment to Medicaid clients who attend the provider's program.
 - The additional funding would be at the rate of \$15 per day per client. The client must be Medicaid-eligible, and the client's treatment must be paid for by Medicaid to be eligible for the reimbursement (not from another funding source).
 - DHS plans for the additional reimbursement to be distributed in eight weekly payments, from April 5 to the end of May.
 - Providers must submit attendance logs each Monday and Friday of each week to get the additional reimbursement the following Friday. We will provide you with additional information on where and how to submit those logs.

Expanding services to include "well-check" on Medicaid clients who are home

Fact Sheet

- Each ADDT and EIDT provider can provide and submit claims for “well check” services to Medicaid clients who are unable to attend the program at the center and remain at home. These services can be provided in-person or using telemedicine (telephonic), with the goal of ensuring clients’ needs are being met.
 - The proposal would allow for one in-person well check and one telemedicine well check per client each week.
 - Telemedicine checks will be reimbursed at \$7 per service, while in-person checks will be reimbursed at \$15
 - DHS will provide guidance on what questions should be asked during those checks.
 - Paraprofessionals are allowed to make those checks.
 - Providers must submit reports each week to get the reimbursement. DHS is developing a template for providers to use. The template will include details about how and where to submit the report

Temporarily suspending some licensure requirements for ADDT and EIDT providers

- Due to the closure or discontinuation of some services and business during the pandemic, EIDT and ADDT providers may have met with challenges in meeting certain licensure requirements due to circumstances outside the center’s control. The following licensure requirements would be temporarily-suspended to ensure continuity of care for clients:
 - New employee reference checks
 - Initial or annual drug screen; only conduct “for cause” drug screens
 - New employee Hepatitis B series
 - New employee CPR and First Aid training with annual deadlines for existing employees extended
 - Training on state law and policy topics, except for Mandatory Reporting for abuse or neglect of a child or an adult
 - Twelve hours of minimum training be completed within thirty days of employment, as long as the employee’s competencies are established and documented
 - Annual in-service training, as long as the employee’s competencies are established and documented
 - Transportation training for new employees, annual deadlines for existing employees extended
 - Any signature requirements from a parent, guardian, or client; may document verbal or written approval instead
 - FBI fingerprint checks