



## Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

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### Memorandum (DMS-36)

To: Medicaid Providers  
From: Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) and Division of Medical Services (DMS)  
Date: April 24, 2020  
Re: Extension for Evaluations for Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT), Early Intervention Day Treatment (EIDT), EPSDT ABA Therapy, Occupational, Physical and Speech Language Therapies and Developmental Therapy under the federal First Connections Grant during COVID-19 Outbreak

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In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDS) and the Division of Medical Services (DMS) will be granting extensions on re-evaluations and treatment prescriptions for ADDT, EIDT, ABA, OT, PT, Speech, and Developmental Therapy for a period of 60 days after the public health crisis is declared to be over by the Governor in Arkansas.

Extensions are limited to the following:

- Evaluations that expired **on or after March 1, 2020**.
- Prior Authorizations will be extended for 90 days from the date the re-evaluation was/is due.

Guidelines for requesting an extension:

1. Provide a copy of the expired or expiring evaluation/prescription to the DDS representative via email.
2. DDS will reply with an email providing you with an extension letter for your records.
3. If a Prior Authorization is needed, you will enclose this letter with your request to eQHealth of the re-evaluation extension. Billing procedures will remain the same.
4. At the end of the 90-day extension period, additional time may be considered.

Requests for extensions must be emailed to RaQueisha Washington at [RaQueisha.Washington@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:RaQueisha.Washington@dhs.arkansas.gov). If you have any questions please contact Portland Gilbert at [Portland.Gilbert@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:Portland.Gilbert@dhs.arkansas.gov).