

DD Waiver Therapy Update- July 2011

Notice: Statewide Therapy Videoconference - 7/22/11

DDSD has received a large volume of questions and comments related to the impact of the DD Waiver renewal on therapy services. We have decided to postpone the Participatory Approach training scheduled for 7/22/11 and use that date instead to conduct a **morning (10-11:30 am) and afternoon (1:30-3:00 pm) session of a Statewide Therapy Video Conference** to address the following for OT, PT and SLP providers for the DD Waiver:

- Current status of therapy standards revision & projected phase in schedule.
- Comparison of proposed standards to current standards (2007 standards remain in place at this time)
- Therapy component of the impending rate building study and resource allocation model development – including participation needed from therapy providers.

7/22/11 Video Conference Schedule and Locations		
Location	Morning	Afternoon
Metro – Albuquerque 5301 Central NE Albuquerque, NM (Bank of the West Bldg, San Mateo & Central) 17 th floor Conference room	10:30 - 12:00 noon	1:30 – 3:00 PM
Northeast- Santa Fe 1190 St Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM Runnels Bldg South - Room 4203	10:30 - 12:00 noon	1:30 – 3:00 PM
Northwest – Gallup McKinley Public Health Office 1919 College Dr Gallup NM 87301	10:30 - 12:00 noon	1:30 – 3:00 PM
Northwest- Farmington San Juan Public Health Office 355 S. Miller Farmington NM 87401	10:30 - 12:00 noon	1:30 – 3:00 PM
Southeast- Roswell Roswell Rehab Center 72 Gail Harris Drive Roswell, NM <i>Note: Rehab Center moved to a new facility! See new address for Rehab Center! Seating is limited to 15 in each session.</i>	10:30 - 12:00 noon	1:30 – 3:00 PM
Southwest – Las Cruces Central Public Health Office 1170 N. Solano Dr. Room 1607 Las Cruces NM 88001 <i>Note: Enter at South entrance by flagpoles. Go thru double doors in the clinic waiting area. Conference room #1607 is on the right.</i>	10:30 - 12:00 noon	1:30 – 3:00 PM

You may attend either the morning or afternoon videoconference. Please arrive at the location at least 10 minutes before the start of the session. You do not need to call ahead or pre-register. Therapists in the SE and SW, please see added notes on the schedule for your area!

Additional Information:

- **Posting of Revised Therapy Standards** Check the DDS Homepage and CSB website for the revised version of the Therapy standards during the week of 7/18/11. Our goal is to have them posted before the 7/22/11 videoconferences.
- **The Participatory Approach** training originally scheduled for 7/22/11 has been rescheduled for August 25, 2011 from 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the DDS Metro Office, 17th floor Conference room. The address is: Metro- 17th floor conference room at 5301 Central NE, Albuquerque NM (Corner of San Mateo and Central, Bank of the West Building). Registration opens at 8:45 AM: No need to arrive earlier! This PA training session is intended for therapists (OT, PT, or SLP) or case managers who have never attended a PA training session. If you have attended a PA training at any time in the past you do not need to attend this session. Please go to <http://TrainNewMexico.com> to register.
- **The Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) interviews** are part of a SIS Pilot study to support the Division's efforts to determine actual needs of individuals on the New Mexico DD Waiver. This pilot project is critical to our rate study and renewal efforts.
 - **SIS interviews conducted during this pilot will in no way impact current services nor will these interviews be used for future resource allocation unless requested by individuals or their guardians!**
 - DDS has received reports that some IDT members are giving misleading and erroneous information to people, encouraging them to cancel the SIS interviews; telling individuals that they will lose their waiver services or that the purpose of the SIS is to cut their funding.
 - We have received reports from the AAIDD interviewers in the field that some therapists have actually been disrupting SIS interviews, either by deliberately disrupting the process and telling individuals that they will lose the waiver if they continue, or by providing conflicting information (seemingly in an attempt to "bump up" the rating).
 - The purpose of the SIS Pilot is to obtain an accurate picture of the array of supports needed by individuals across the system. The SIS questions are detailed and intimate inquiries about day-to-day life and are best answered by the people who spend the most time with the individual: usually direct support staff, family living providers and often sub-care or respite providers.
 - We ask that therapists only attend a SIS interview if they are invited by the individual or their guardian and to *please not discourage or disrupt this process*.
 - If you, or someone you know, has questions, comments or concerns about the SIS Pilot, please contact Crystal Smarr at (505) 383-0147.

Thanks and please contact me with any questions

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