

## Mi Via Advisory Committee Updates and Announcements from the State

April 27, 2023

### **Mi Via Training and revised Standards**

We are excited to announce that the Mi Via required trainings are ready. This has been a process and again thank you for the feedback that we received. The trainings are identified for the role you provide in Mi Via. Trainings will be ready for use Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>. DDSD is asking that all roles, including the Employer of Record, Direct Support Professionals, Consultants, etc. comply by May 31, 2023. If you have any questions, please reach out to [Elaine.Hill@doh.nm.gov](mailto:Elaine.Hill@doh.nm.gov).

Revised Mi Via Services standards were issued on April 5, 2023. The revised sections included Appendices A, F and G. Highlights of revisions and all revised sections of the standards are attached for your convenience.

### **Rate Study and Mi Via Survey**

Public Consulting Group (PCG) is analyzing the data collected from the Time Study, Cost Reports, and the Mi Via Survey. Thank you to everyone who completed the Mi Via Survey. As of April 3, 2023, PCG had received 245 submissions for the Mi Via Survey.

We want to remind everyone that DDSD and PCG are creating a Provider Capacity Assessment survey that will be going out soon. Please be on the lookout for that link.

### **Provider Agency Terminations and Mi Via**

DDSD closed 4 provider agencies in March. Two of the four agencies provided services to people on the Mi Via Waiver, A New Vision (Consultant Services) and At Home Advocacy (In-Home Living Supports, Homemaker and Community Direct Supports.) All individuals affected received a letter from DDSD and the appropriate forms and/or instructions on how to transition to new agencies. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Elaine Hill or Evangeline Yanez at DDSD.

### **New Mexico's Statewide Transition Plan is Approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

After 6 years New Mexico has gotten its Statewide Transition Plan (STP) approved by CMS. The STP is our state's plan to complying with the CMS Final Rule, Home and Community Based Services Settings Requirements. Everyone has a responsibility to monitor service delivery

settings and report to DDS if you see anything that does not promote choice, inclusion, quality supports, or autonomy.

### **Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Third Edition**

The Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Third Edition will continue to be used annually in Mi Via as part of the In-Home Assessment process. Information from this assessment is one tool to be used for determining what supports may be needed for people. The results will routinely be shared with participants and consultants for this purpose.

### **Employment Supports to be Funded Outside of the Individual Budget Allotment (IBA)**

DDS and HSD will be amending the Mi Via Waiver to allow for Employment Supports to be funded outside of individual's IBAs. The intent of doing this is to incentivize employment supports and encourage people to consider and use employment supports and a first choice for day services. DDS will announce when this goes live.

### **Online Vendor Payment Request (VPR) Form (HSD update)**

EORs can submit VPR electronically. The online VPR can be found:

<https://nmmedicaid.portal.conduent.com/webportal/uploadPrf>

Its use is only for the EOR and or participant. Benefits of using this system, ease of use and uploading of invoices; receive a confirmation number for submission.