

DDW Therapy Update

July 2021



DDSD Clinical Services Bureau

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Greetings from Clinical Services

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying our hot, smoky, rainy weather. Happy Summer!

Here are some current reminders:

- Please see page 2 for current COVID info.
- Please respond promptly to all Individual Quality Review (IQR) requests & submit all associated documents in timely fashion. This speeds up the entire process and is appreciated.
- If your agency is selected on the SFOC and you can't meet that person's specific needs (ex- ASL or Spanish only) you can let them know and refer them back to the CM. There is no waiting list option in the Therapy Standards. Call Betsy or Felicia if you want to talk.
- Look for announcements about training for the 2022 Standards. Date to be announced.

Therapy Consultants 'Drop In' Office Hours

Questions about DSP trainings? Current COVID-19 guidance/mask requirements? CARMP strategies? Paperwork? Assistive Technology? Therapist Required Trainings?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97956958455?pwd=SmZ1STZ3WTJCMGtWY3poV2pFU3lOZz09>

Meeting ID: 979 5695 8455 Passcode: office
breakout rooms available for client specific issues

Thurs July 29th 11 - 1

Mon August 30th 2 - 4

- all disciplines welcome
- join when you can

NOTICE: All provider agencies that receive this publication are **REQUIRED** to distribute this update in a timely manner to **ALL** therapy practitioners and/or case managers contracted or employed by your agency.

Thank you for all you do!

New to DD Waiver? Refresher time?

- These one-day trainings are required for therapists providing DDW services
- See page 3 for details

CSB Trainings - 2021

Aspiration Risk Management
7/16, 8/27, 9/10, 10/29

Participatory Approach
* *new dates: 7/20, 9/24, 10/26*

International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative (IDDSI) News

Please join Demarre Sanchez, SLP Consultant, to discuss implementation of the IDDSI framework within DD Waiver.

July sessions for SLPs:

- Weds. July 21st 4-5 • Tues. July 27th 1-2
- Fri. July 30th 3-4

August sessions:

- all therapists, RD, Nurses, BSC welcome
- Weds. Aug 4th 11-12 • Thurs. Aug 12th 4-5

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6667311202?pwd=bEoxRHFacE1XRWtzeEx6YnJubmxvUT09>

Meeting ID: 666 731 1202 Passcode: DpAS31

The IDDSI Framework

Providing a common terminology for describing food textures and drink thicknesses to improve safety for individuals with swallowing difficulties.



Visit the website for detailed information and resources

<https://iddsi.org/>



Therapy Services During COVID-19 - and beyond

- Current DDSD guidance (7/1/21) states that both telehealth/remote and in person services are appropriate at this time in accordance with DD Waiver Standards and Appendix K allowances (which extend for at least six months after the end of the public health emergency). Remember, COVID-Safe Practices must continue to be followed at all times.
- Therapy sessions and trainings may occur in any combination of remote and face-to-face contact while the person is at home, in the community, or at a day program.
- Face-to-face therapy services must be scheduled and completed in accordance with the agency/provider Re-Opening Plan details.
- Therapists and BSCs should continue to follow the guidance sent on 7/1/21: DDSD COVID-19 Response Status Update (recession of Memo 10-1-2020)
- Mask mandate remains in effect: Direct Support Professionals (DSP), Therapists, Behavior Support Consultants, Nurses, etc. are required to wear face masks at all times and in all settings when providing services through DDSD
 - the only exception to this rule allows paid family members to wear a mask in their own home at their discretion

As we move forward, consider:

- How will telehealth continue to be part of your therapy services following the pandemic?
- Would this be an effective use of units for team meetings? Group trainings? Mealtime observations?
- Are some DSP or family members more engaged or receptive during remote interactions?

Use SCOMM for all communication with PHI

DDSD employees and *all therapy consultants* are prohibited from opening any encrypted emails sent using outside programs. SCOMM only please.

Specialty Seating Clinic (SSC) Virtual Office Hours

2nd Tuesdays 3-5pm
next: August 10th

Hosted by Scott Hubbard, MPT and Jason Lavy, SSC Manager

Please fill out this short survey to help us plan for future sessions:

<https://forms.gle/xyiF8wq9buie9egg6>



DDW Therapy Update: Special Standards Revisions Edition

Please note: **The COVID-19 pandemic, remains a very fluid situation and directives can and do change rapidly.**

This DDW Therapy Update is current as of the time of release. Therapists and readers are expected to follow the latest guidance available.

ARM Services ~ 18-20 year olds

Therapy services provided to 18-20 year olds must only address required ARM supports

If an SFOC is received, *before initiating therapy services* please confirm

- the person is identified with moderate or high aspiration risk through the ARST and
- the person, family or guardian requested CARMP services be added

Clinical Documentation

- Annual and semi-annual documentation must be completed per DDW Standards timelines
- Agencies may file a RORA for any late items
- Details on the Therapy Documentation Table

<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/general/4566/>



Did you miss the June Therapy Update? Find it here for news about

- Grab bar changes
- Congregate Setting/Day Program Re-opening Plans

<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/newsletter/6788/>

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CSB Trainings

ALL TRAININGS
ARE
ONLINE UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE

Please see
the [Clinical
Services
Training:
Therapist
Training
Requirements](#)
to learn more
about the
training
requirements
for all therapists

Live stream, online trainings (not recorded) 2021 dates

Aspiration Risk Management	9:00am - 4:30pm	7/16, 8/27, 9/10, 10/29
Participatory Approach/Standards	9:00am - 4:30pm	7/20, 9/24, 10/26 (new dates!)

Pre-register for on-line trainings at: <https://ddsstrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx>
Please use your own email when registering to ensure you get the meeting link and documents

Other trainings required for Therapists

Person-Centered Planning for Therapists	DDSD CDD Online Courses (available anytime)
Indications of Illness and Injury	http://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/ddsdcourses/index.html
ANE REFRESHER Training 'ANE Awareness'	http://www.cdd.unm.edu/other-disability-programs/disability-health-policy/ddsdcourses/index.html

Effective Individual Specific Training Techniques - "EIST-Live Stream" (<i>not</i> the Effective Trainer Techniques Part 1 course)	not recorded – see training calendar for dates https://ddsstrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx
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ANE Training DOH – Live Stream Course	https://ddsstrain.cdd.unm.edu/Calendar.aspx
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Note: All versions of the DOH - ANE courses will count during the COVID-19 PHE.

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Resources - Clinics

SAFE Clinic - Supports and Assessment for Feeding and Eating

Any adult with I/DD who is experiencing challenges related to oral eating and/or tube feeding can be referred for specialized assessment and recommendations regarding eating/feeding, nutrition, positioning, and associated medical needs to support health, safety, and independence. SAFE Clinic appointments are currently occurring via remote technology.

Specialty Seating Clinic

Referrals for wheelchair, positioning, and adaptive equipment are being processed and appointments made for remote and in-person evaluations or wheelchair fittings, dependent on the need of the individual as assessed by SSC clinicians.

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