

# COVID-19 Enhancements

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

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# Health, Safety, & Wellbeing

Your loved ones may be more vulnerable and we are making changes to our practices to best support individuals and their families.

Available funding enhancements are being advanced proactively throughout DHS and in partnership with Medicaid.

# Retainer Payments

- Monthly payment to help maintain Day Support and Supported Employment programs during the COVID-19 emergency
- Helping provider agencies make sure that individuals continue to have a choice of services
- Available between 3/16/2020 and 6/30/2020

# Caregiver Compensation

- Parents, spouses, and guardians may provide self-directed supported living
- Up to 40 hours per week
- Available during the emergency period



# Proposed Rate Increase

- A proposed rate increase for all direct care services to cover
  - Purchase of personal protective equipment and sanitary supplies
  - Overtime pay
  - Recognition pay
- Available between 4/1/2020 and 6/30/2020

# Support During School Closures

- Allows for individual budget increases
  - Supported living (SL1) hours
  - Residential support rates
- Available during school district closures



# COVID-19 Supplies

- DSPD may provide individuals with
  - Personal protective equipment (masks and gloves)
  - Sanitary supplies (disinfectant wipes and bleach)
  - Thermometers
- If needed, families should contact their support coordinator to complete a request form which will be addressed as resources are available

# Assistive Technology

- Individuals may request technology that facilitates coordination and use of services through telehealth
- Technology includes mobile devices and smart home products
- Telehealth provides support remotely through a HIPAA compliant product or a product like Skype, FaceTime, Hangouts, etc.



# Utah's Appendix K

Submitted to the Federal CMS office awaiting approval

- Extensions for person-centered planning, evaluations, and assessments
- Social and emotional support added to supported living and personal assistance services
- Some errands may be completed by staff without the person present
- Additional overnight respite days