

AGENDA

- Program Updates
 - Education and waiver services during COVID-19 health emergency
 - Certification renewal date changes
 - Importance of communication with plan of care teams and the Division
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TOPICS

Education and waiver services during COVID-19 health emergency

The Division of Healthcare Financing (Division) has had a number of questions regarding participant needs while engaging in educational services throughout the COVID-19 health emergency. On May 14, 2020, during the weekly COVID-19 Updates Call, the Division clarified several points in partnership with the Wyoming Department of Education. Please look for this guidance in the updated Flexibilities Document, which is available on the Developmental Disabilities Section [COVID-19 Updates](#) webpage.

Several important takeaways include:

- Schools are in session if students are engaging in educational activities, even if they are not in-person activities.
- Documentation regarding any changes to a student's IEP should be provided to the parent or legally authorized representative via prior written notice (PWN). Please be sure to retain this documentation.
- In order to adequately support each individual, it is essential that the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) team and the waiver case manager coordinate to clearly outline what the student's day looks like, with clear starting and ending times regarding when the student will be engaging in activities outlined in the IEP, including any therapies that may be provided by the school district. The times that the student engages in educational activities are the responsibility of the school district, and waiver services should not be billed during this time.
- Each school district has a Special Education Director who is responsible for oversight of all IEPs within the school district. If a student has unmet needs during educational activities, please work with the Special Education Director and the IEP team to determine how these needs can be met. The Special Education Director for the school district can be found on the [Department of Education](#) website.

Certification renewal date changes

Just a reminder that the Division has temporarily paused certification renewals for providers. Please be aware that all providers have had their recertification dates pushed back at least seven months. The Division will notify providers of their updated certification dates once we resume certification renewals in the coming months. The changes to these dates will be permanent, so please plan accordingly in the future.

Importance of communication with plan of care teams and the Division

The Division stands ready to support participants, families, providers, and case managers as usual. With the changes in the public health orders, and the variance in county plans, please be sure to

communicate as much as possible with the plan of care team regarding questions, concerns, and any challenges that you are currently facing. Additionally, it remains essential that case managers have robust communication with participants and their legally authorized representatives to ensure that we are providing appropriate services and supports during this time.

WRAP UP

Next call scheduled for June 29, 2020