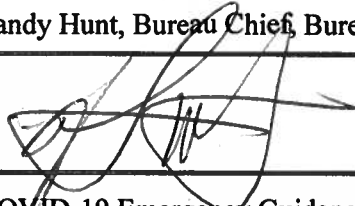


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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BDS GENERAL MEMORANDUM (GM)	
DATE:	September 1, 2021
TO:	Area Agency Executive Directors, Area Agency Business Managers, Area Agency Service Coordinator Supervisors, Provider Agencies, Bureau of Developmental Services Staff, Bureau of Family Centered Services, Office of Client and Legal Services, Nancy Rollins, LTSS Interim Director
FROM:	Sandy Hunt, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Developmental Services
SIGNATURE:	
SUBJECT:	COVID-19 Emergency Guidance #6
GM NUMBER:	08-21 GM
EFFECTIVE DATE:	September 1, 2021
REGULATORY GUIDANCE:	This memo is a communication tool circulated for informational purposes only. The goal is to provide information and guidance to the individuals to whom it is addressed. The contents of this memo and the information conveyed are subject to change. This communication is not intended to take the place of or alter written law, regulations or rule.

MEMORANDUM SUMMARY
<p>The purpose of this memorandum is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide statewide guidance to state designated area agencies and private provider agencies relative to COVID-19 Emergency preparation, response, and continuity of service delivery for the developmental services system.

Timeline

Covid-19 Emergency Guidance issued by the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) is in effect during the Federal State of Emergency and 6 months thereafter as outlined in the CMS approval letter located here: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/documents/combined-appendix-k-letter-01132021.pdf>

To date, BDS has issued six (6) guidance documents:

- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/bds-covid19-guidance.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/bds-covid19-guidance-1.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/bds-covid19-guidance-2.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/bds-covid19-guidance-3.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/documents/bds-covid19-guidance-4.pdf>
- <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/documents/bds-covid19-guidance-5.pdf>

These guidance documents can be located at the following link, along with Community Support Network Inc. (CNSI) protocols for Covid-19 management: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/covid-guidance.htm>

New Hampshire's Appendix K to the Developmental Disabilities (DD), Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD), and In Home Support (IHS) waivers, which allows changes to the waivers due to emergency preparedness and response, was approved by CMS on May 12, 2020. This guidance document reflects information related to approved changes to the DD, ABD, and IHS waivers.