



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

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Dear LISS Families,

The Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) recognizes the critical role you play in supporting your loved ones with developmental disabilities to live happy, healthy, independent lives, fully integrated in the community.

The DDA is committed to supporting you and continues to look at ways to improve the services it provides to the Maryland community. Over the last couple of years the DDA has worked with families and community stakeholders to improve its Low Intensity Support Services (LISS) program. Based on feedback from families, advocacy organizations and providers the DDA's goals are; to serve individuals and families not already receiving services through DDA and other waiver programs, provide a fair and easy application process, and fund new services based on current needs.

From this work the DDA developed new regulations which have now been adopted and will be in effect for Round 2 of the Random Selection Process scheduled for December 16, 2016. Round 2 pertains to applications received between August 1, 2016 and November 30, 2016, and those applications of applicants not selected in Round 1. The applications of applicants not selected in Round 1 are automatically rolled in to Round 2.

How do the new regulations impact individuals and families in Round 2?

Most importantly, the eligibility criteria/rules have changed in an effort to serve individuals and families who aren't otherwise served. Going forward if an individual is currently receiving any services through DDA, except for Coordination of Community Supports (CCS), or is enrolled in another Medicaid Waiver i.e. Older Adult or the Autism Waiver the applicant is **NO LONGER ELIGIBLE** for LISS.

*NOTE: Individuals enrolled in Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) and the Model Waiver **ARE STILL ELIGIBLE***

In addition, there have been changes to some services as well. For instance, tuition - for post-secondary education and vocational training is now a funded service while housing assistance - including eviction and utility notices are no longer funded through LISS. (For more detail please see the LISS Individual Eligibility Changes Chart. On the last page.)

To view the LISS regulations in its entirety please go to <http://www.dsd.state.md.us/COMAR/searchall.aspx>

If the individual/applicant does not meet the new criteria/rules, and consequently is ineligible for LISS funding please contact his/her Coordinator of Community Supports (CCS) or waiver coordinator to discuss other possible funding options. In the meantime, the Developmental Disability Administration's staff and LISS providers recognize the impact these changes may have on individuals and or families and want to help. If you are unsure about your, or your loved one's eligibility and have questions about funded services please you contact your LISS provider or the DDA. We are here to help!

Please contact your designated LISS provider (see below) for questions regarding eligibility, the application process, funded services and other concerns.

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Serves: Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties

Penn Mar Human Services: 310 Old Freeland Road Freeland, Maryland 21053
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Serves: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard and Washington counties

United Needs and Abilities: 688 East Main Street Salisbury, Maryland 21804
Phone: (410) 543-0665 / Toll Free:1-800-776-5694 /TTY: (410)543-0665 / FAX: (410)543-0432
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Serves: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties

If you have questions or concerns regarding the regulations changes please contact ...

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Thank you!

Sincerely,



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Penn-Mar Human Services
Maryland Community Connections
United Needs & Abilities

| LISS Individual Eligibility Changes | | |
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| Individual is: | ROUND 1 July 2016 Application | ROUND 2 August – November Application |
| Enrolled in a Medicaid Waiver (excluding Model Waiver) <i>Examples include, but not limited to: Autism Waiver, Medical Day Care Waiver, Living at Home, Older Adults, Traumatic Brain Injury, Home and Community-Based Options Waiver, and Community First Choice</i> | Eligible (LISS services cannot duplicate services provided in each of these waivers. i.e. the Autism waiver funds respite services, therefore LISS cannot.) | NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR LISS FUNDING |
| Enrolled in Model Waiver or Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) | Eligible (LISS services cannot duplicate services provided in each of these waivers. i.e. the Autism waiver funds respite services, therefore LISS cannot.) | Eligible (LISS services cannot duplicate services provided in each of these waivers. i.e. REM funds nursing services, therefore LISS cannot.) |
| Receiving Services through DDA <i>examples include, but not limited to: Personal Supports, CSLA, Day Program, Supportive Employment, Self-Directed Services</i> | Eligible (LISS services cannot duplicate services provided in each of these waivers. i.e. the Autism waiver funds respite services, therefore LISS cannot.) | NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR LISS FUNDING |
| Receiving Residential Services through DDA | Not Eligible | Not Eligible |
| Receiving Coordination of Community Services (CCS) ONLY through DDA | Eligible | Eligible |

| LISS Service Eligibility Changes | | |
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| Service | ROUND 1 July 2016 Application | ROUND 2 August – November Application |
| Duplication of Services | Services may not duplicate services available in the community or under existing health plan | Services may not duplicate services available in the community, education systems, or under an existing health plan, including medical assistance |
| Housing Assistance – Including eviction, utility disconnections, and deposits | Eligible | NO LONGER ELIGIBLE FOR LISS FUNDING |
| Tuition - for post-secondary academic and vocational services | Not Eligible | Eligible |
| Tutoring - for post-secondary academic and vocational services | Not Eligible | Eligible |
| Coverage of Medical, health-related services, prescription drugs, therapies, and items | Eligible | Eligibility Limited: May not be related to the individuals primary or secondary education and may not be covered by the individual's IEP |
| Adaptations or modifications that restrict an individual's movement or jeopardize the individual's welfare | Eligible | Not Eligible |