



Mississippi Department of Mental Health

Provider Bulletin

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Subject: Approval of MS State Plan (SPA) 1915(i) IDD Community Support Program (CSP) during the COVID-19 Emergency

Issue Date: July 20, 2020

Effective Date: April 1, 2020

Scope

All DMH Certified Providers of IDD Community Support Program (CSP) Services

Purpose

Clarify CSP service delivery limitations during the COVID-19 emergency

Background

The Division of Medicaid (DOM) has submitted a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) known as Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number MS-20-0014. The SPA addresses CSP service delivery limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, from April 1, 2020 to the end of the public health emergency. To review the approved SPA for 1915(i) IDD Community Support Program, go the following link on the Division of Medicaid website: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/cms-approved-state-plan-amendment-spa-20-0014-1915i-community-support-program-csp-emergency-effective-april-1-2020/>

Subject

Evaluations

The SPA allows the Diagnostic and Evaluation Team to conduct initial evaluation and the and Targeted Case Managers to conduct annual reevaluations telephonically, in accordance with HIPAA requirements and as outlined in the State plan.

Person-Centered Planning Process

The SPA allows for required face to face visits and the development and implementation of the Plan of Services and Supports (PSS) a person-centered process to be conducted telephonically, in accordance with HIPAA requirements. The SPA allows CSP Providers to develop the Activity Support Plan with individuals and their family/legal representative by telephone in accordance with HIPAA requirements.

Day Program Services

The SPA allows for Day Services-Adult and Prevocational Services to be provided telephonically or virtually where appropriate in accordance with HIPAA requirements. These services may be provided in a residential setting.

If the service is provided telephonically or virtually, there is a max limit of up to three (3) hours per day and will be reimbursed at the lowest support level.

Providers must assure appropriate documentation of the service provided through *daily* Service Notes. Service Notes must include how and where the service was provided and time in/out for each service. All required documentation outlined in the Department of Mental Health's Record Guide applies.

Supported Employment Services

The SPA allows providers to suspend the annual orientation meeting/s informing individuals about Supported Employment and other competitive employment opportunities in the community.

For additional information please refer to the Division of Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/cms-approved-state-plan-amendment-spa-20-0014-1915i-community-support-program-csp-emergency-effective-april-1-2020/> or you may contact Deborah Etzold, Director of Community Support Program at deborah.etzold@dmh.ms.gov.

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