



CARE PLANNING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES UNDER COVID-19

APRIL 17, 2020

On September 18th, 2020, OPWDD issued revisions to the Interim Care Planning and Related Activities under COVID-19 originally dated April 17th, 2020.

This is a summary of the revisions that were made.

OPWDD GUIDANCE

- Face to Face requirements continue to be waived unless medically necessary. Care managers continue to utilize telephone or telehealth capabilities for contacting people. If there is a need/request for a face to face, these will be reviewed and determined on a case by case basis.
- During the COVID-19 public health emergency, verbal informed consents for Life Plan changes or updates, and corresponding Staff Action Plan changes and updates is sufficient without the need to later obtain a written signature.
- For Life Plan annual face to face meetings, updates and related activities, telehealth and telephone capabilities may be used in place of face to face meetings in accordance with the [DOH CCO/HH guidance](#).
- The decision, whether or not to return to day program services must be person centered and based on informed choice of the person or representative and in conjunction with the planning team in accordance with [OPWDD Person Centered Planning Regulations](#).
- Coordinated Assessment System or CAS Assessments resume as normal. Care Managers will assist in the coordination and scheduling of the assessments.

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