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DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

Today, I wanted to talk about the Missouri Children's Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver process. Over the past year, I have received feedback about the challenges and frustrations that families experience when trying to access this Waiver. I want to let you know the ways the DDD team addresses these challenges.

First, let's talk about some of the challenges. Families report that MOCDD is complicated, and they have difficulty getting answers to their questions about the Waiver, the application process, and where they are in the process once they apply. They also report that they are frustrated because they provide the same information repeatedly and feel like they don't get anywhere, and they have had to wait months or in some cases longer to complete the process. Support Coordinators report that the process is complex and that they don't always feel they have the expertise needed to guide the family quickly through the process. DDD recognizes that the MOCDD Waiver is complex and that the MOCDD Waiver is much smaller and limited in scope than DDD's other HCBS Waivers. Support Coordinators may work for several years and never need to assist a family with the MOCDD waiver process. To address these challenges, DDD created a specialized team of experts on MOCDD in October 2025.

Now, all MOCDD requests from individuals receiving services directly from DDD are handled by the specialized team. The specialized team has support coordinators who support the family with the application process from start to finish. People receiving case management through a private targeted case management agency can also receive help from the specialized DDD team; their support coordinator would just need to request it. The specialized team can either support the family directly with the application process or provide support to the contracted case manager as they support the family with the application.

Since October 2025, 189 individuals have been served by the MOCDD specialized team, with 37 new requests just since April of 2026! Also, since the process changed in October, the MOCDD specialized team has reduced the time from initial contact to waitlist addition from 186 days to 93 days. This is a 50% reduction in processing time! I understand the MOCDD Waiver process is still complex and requires a lot of documentation and coordination. I am proud of the improvements that have been made and look forward to finding other ways to make this process easier for those we serve. I want you

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Tier 2 Workshop: Check-in/Check-out as a System of Support
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Day Habilitation Rate Study Stakeholder Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Tier 2 Workshop: Enriched Environments
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Employment First Missouri – Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
10:00 a.m.

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Employment First Missouri – Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
1:00 p.m.

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Employment First Missouri – Professionals' Input Session on Work and Retirement for Individuals with IDD
2:30 p.m.

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Beyond Compliance: Making Due Process Meaningful
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Tools of Choice
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Professionals' Input Session on Work and Retirement for Individuals with IDD
2:30 p.m.

all to know that your feedback is very important to me. I will do everything I can to address your concerns and make it easier to navigate DDD services.

If interested in receiving support or information from the MOCDD Specialized Team, please email MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov.

How to Use DDD Weekly

DDD Weekly includes links to webinars, training sessions, meetings and other websites with additional information on the topics covered in *DDD Weekly*. If you click on the **blue text**, it will direct you to another website where you can sign up for the meeting, learn more about the topic, and more. New information is added to the beginning of the newsletter. If you have questions about using *DDD Weekly*, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

Day Habilitation Provider Rate Study Stakeholder Meeting

The Division of Developmental Disabilities engaged Mercer to conduct a rate study for Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) 1915(c) waiver Day Habilitation Services. The Division and Mercer will explain the rate study process, describe key rate study considerations, share the modeled rate ranges, and collect stakeholder feedback on June 18, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Registration is required; please register at [Day Habilitation Rate Study Stakeholder Meeting Registration](#).

Removal of Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS) in Response to General Revenue Shortfall

The budget passed by the Missouri General Assembly and submitted to the Governor for signature did not include funding for two services **beginning July 1, 2026**: Community Specialist (CS) and Individual Directed Goods and Services (IDGS). Therefore, CS and IDGS will be removed as services from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD). CS and IDGS will be removed from the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers administered by DDD upon approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Please refer to the corresponding [Removal of CS and IDGS Memo](#) and [Removal CS and IDGS Provider Bulletin](#). Questions and comments should be directed to ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

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Employment First
Missouri- Self-advocates
Input Session on Work
and Retirement
6:00 p.m.

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Professionals' Input
Session on Work and
Retirement for People
with IDD
9:30 a.m.

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Ongoing Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the
Month

Employment Community
of Practice for Support
Coordinators
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the
Month

Free MO Open Door
Series Benefits for
Individuals with IDD

4th Wednesday of the
Month

Free MO Open Door
Series Technology
Workshops

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the
Month

Brain Injury Association
of Missouri Support
Group

Podcasts

Growing Healthy
Communities: Early
Childhood Edition
Podcast

Mass Adjustment of Claims for Services Requiring Electronic Visit Verification

Due to a temporary system issue, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) did not apply Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) validation edits to claims received from Personal Care and Home Health Care providers between May 6, 2026, and May 13, 2026. As a result, some claims that should have been denied were accidentally paid, and others missed required informational alerts.

What is Happening Next?

The State is conducting a mass adjustment to reprocess all affected claims received from May 6, 2026, through May 13, 2026. The claims will be reprocessed through the EVV claims validation edits, as they should have been when initially received. Here is how your claims will be affected:

- Soft launch claims: Will be updated to include the correct informational edits
- Hard launch claims (provider types 26 and 28): Any claim without a matching EAS visit will be denied
- Overpayments: Any payments made in error on hard-launch claims will be recouped

Key Dates to Watch

- May 29, 2026: The adjustment will appear on your Remittance Advice
- June 12, 2026: This is the check date associated with these adjustments

Additional Information and Resources

For more information on the soft and hard launch, review the following MO HealthNet Bulletins:

- [Bulletin 47-49: EVV Claims Validation](#)
- [Bulletin 48-45: EVV Claims Validation: Key Updates for Providers](#)

To support our providers subject to EVV claims validation, we have created an EVV provider webpage featuring user-friendly resources:

- [EVV Provider webpage](#) – A comprehensive hub of educational materials, provider and vendor resources, provider manuals, and targeted Bulletins and Hot Tips.
- [Mastering EVV Compliance and Claims Validation](#) – A searchable educational guide designed to help you manage claims validation, ensure accurate documentation, and resolve errors efficiently.
- [EVV Setup & Support webpage](#) – Essential guidance for selecting an EVV vendor, completing the required [EVV Aggregator Solution Provider Training](#), and accessing the step-by-step guide: [EVV: Requirements, Setup, & Support](#).

If you have reviewed these resources and require further assistance, please contact Provider Communications at (833) 222-7916 or email Ask.EVV@dss.mo.gov.

For additional resources, refer to the [Education and Training Resources page](#) and/or sign up for a live webinar by accessing our [Provider Training Calendar](#). Email MHD.Education@dss.mo.gov for more information.

The Link Center Learning Group Sessions

The Link Center hosts virtual shared learning groups for direct support professionals, clinical professionals, family members, and people with lived experience. These groups provide opportunities to dive into important topics and tap into your expertise and experiences related to people with cognitive disabilities, including intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and brain injuries, and mental health conditions. This month's topic is Suicide and Suicide Prevention. Please visit [The Link Center Shared Learning Groups](#) to register and look for other learning opportunities.

Employment First Training

Are you or your agency looking for help finding training on a topic your staff struggles with, or would you like more information? Maybe you are looking for a resource that can emphasize your agency's mission statement or that your staff can use during service delivery. If so, please reach out to the Employment First Missouri team. Not only have we developed training, resources, and tools specific to Missouri providers, but we also work with and collaborate with our colleagues at ICI, who assist multiple agencies across the country. This provides us with access to new and emerging ideas, training, and resources from over fifty years of experience that we can then apply to your needs. Also, remember that we provide resources, tools, and an updated training calendar on our website at <https://www.employmentfirstmo.org/>.



Tiered Supports Summit Registration is Open!

The Missouri Tiered Supports Summit will be held at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, MO, on Thursday and Friday, August 20-21, 2026. The Summit will include presentations from change agents from across the country sharing experiences, resources, and implementation strategies, with keynote speakers Dr. Ruth Anne Rehfeldt and Dr. Timothy Weil. Sessions will highlight the community-level impact of Tiered Systems of Support and strategies to maximize the implementation of evidence-based practices across environments.

The early bird registration rate is \$25. Register by **July 1st** to secure this rate. After this date, the registration fee will increase to \$35. This fee includes continuing education. MBHC will provide behavioral health contact hours to event attendees. The Department of Mental Health will be offering BACB® CEUs.

[Click this link to register.](#)

Previously Featured in *DDD Weekly*

Beyond Compliance: Making Due Process Meaningful

This isn't your standard checkbox training. This training dives past policy language and into what due process is actually meant to do: protect people, preserve dignity, and support safety and real-life outcomes. You'll break down Missouri-specific HCBS expectations, explore real-world scenarios (the kind that don't fit neatly in a template), and learn how to define least restrictive limitations that are clear and, most importantly, person-centered.

Expect practical strategies for developing complete components of a due process referral and problem-solving difficult scenarios. By the end, due process won't feel like a hurdle to clear; it'll feel like a tool teams can use with purpose to determine the least restrictive safety precautions.

Training courses will be held quarterly at various locations across the state.

Hosted by: Quality Programs Specialist and Tier III

Locations:

May 28, 2026, 10 am-12 pm: St. Joseph, MO: [Registration Link](#)

June 15, 2026, 10 am-12 pm: St. Louis, MO: [Registration Link](#)

June 30, 2026, 10 am-12 pm: Columbia, MO: [Registration Link](#)

Question: If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachelle Moffat at rachelle.moffat@dmh.mo.gov

Dates Changed - Certification of Medication Aides Code of State Regulation Proposed Amendment- Public Engagement

Division of Developmental Disabilities Statewide Clinical Coordinator, Leslie DeGroat, will review the proposed amendment to the Certification of Medication Aides Serving Persons with Developmental Disabilities regulation. There will be three different opportunities for the public to listen in and comment.

Monday, June 8, 2026, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thursday, June 10, 2026, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Planning with people who have intellectual/developmental disabilities is essential in helping them achieve the life they desire. Through the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), Charting the LifeCourse (CtLC) offers planning tools and resources to anyone involved in planning for themselves or with others. Using the CtLC tools can help people organize their ideas, vision, and goals. DDD staff member, Lisa Nothaus, was awarded the Crystal Bell Charting the LifeCourse award. The LifeCourse Nexus team presents this award and honors an individual who embodies the spirit, values, and authenticity that Crystal Bell brought to everything she did. To view the tools, you can visit: [Charting the LifeCourse Tools](#). Congratulations to Lisa!

Relias Users – Attention Needed

On May 21, 2026, Relias will be transitioning to a new security platform. After May 21, 2026, updates will be required if your organization uses an “IP Allow List” to control network activity.

What You Need to Do:

- [Click the diagnostic link below to help determine if an IP Allow List needs to be updated.](#)
- Please do this while connected to your organization’s network on a work computer. Using a different location or connection method (for example, VPN or hotspot) will not be a valid test.
- If the page loads, you can expect continued access to Relias from the test device and network without further action.
- If the page does not load, please partner with your IT and Information Security teams and contact Relias Support as soon as possible for details about the required changes, so we can help ensure uninterrupted access.
- [Please forward this communication](#) as a courtesy to your IT and Information Security teams for their information and review.

[IP Allow List Test](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our Support team via [Relias Connect](#).

Call for Breakout Session Proposals: Starling Conference 2026

Starling, Missouri's statewide association of IDD providers, is seeking outstanding breakout session proposals for its annual leadership conference. This year's theme is "Rooted in Purpose: Leading with Intention," and will take place on **November 17–18, 2026**, at the Branson Convention Center.

This is an event for Missouri professionals from the disability field, but topics don't need to be IDD-specific. They're looking for dynamic, 40-minute sessions that inspire and equip executives, managers, and emerging leaders in a mission-forward career of service. If you have a compelling idea, an innovation, or expertise that helps leaders navigate today's challenges, this is your platform.

Submit a proposal here: [Breakout Presentation Proposal Form](#).

Missouri Department of Economic Development Regulatory Relief Office

The Department of Economic Development's [Regulatory Relief Office](#) administers Missouri's [General Regulatory Sandbox Program](#), allowing businesses to pilot innovative products or services in a monitored setting without being burdened by certain state regulations. Participating companies receive temporary waivers and support through a streamlined application process—helping them enter the market faster, lower risk, and foster innovation. Businesses and entrepreneurs can also submit suggestions through the [Regulatory Relief Suggestion Box](#) to highlight outdated or cumbersome rules. Insights from the sandbox help shape long-term regulatory reform, making Missouri's business environment more competitive and forward-thinking.

CMS Contractor, CoventBridge, Provider Audits

The Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit (MMAC) is responsible for oversight and auditing compliance with Medicaid Title XIX, CHIP Title XXI, and Medicaid Waiver Programs in Missouri.

MMAC has stated that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), through its contractor CoventBridge, Inc., may randomly select several Missouri providers to participate in a Medicaid integrity audit.

If CoventBridge, Inc. contacts you, respond promptly. Please ensure your organization receives information directly from DSS by signing up for MO DSS Email Updates. For more detailed information, please go to: [Maintaining Compliance with Medicaid Program Requirements](#).

The Missouri Commission on Autism Update

The Missouri Commission on Autism is charged with developing an "Autism Roadmap for Missouri" that spans a person's lifespan living with autism. The roadmap includes best practices for care and services within health care, education, vocational support, and community resources, and highlights opportunities for improvement. Work is being conducted in four phases:

1. Transitioning to adulthood
2. Screening, Diagnosis, and Early Interventions for Young Children with Autism
3. Access to care
4. Complex Behavioral Needs and Crisis Care

The commission is currently drafting recommendations for Phase IV.

For more information, check out the Missouri Autism Commission on the Office of Autism [webpage](#).

Missouri Open Door FREE Workshop Series

Missouri Open Door (MOD) hosts both a FREE **Government Benefit** and a **Technology Workshop Series**. Each series offers a virtual monthly workshop focused on a specific topic area. Each workshop shares ideas and solutions that can be used immediately. These virtual workshops are open to anyone who wants to learn more about the topic, is looking for a resource, or needs help for themselves or someone they support.

The MOD Benefit Series focuses on Government Benefits and is held on the **second Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm**.

Upcoming workshop topics for 2026 include ([click on each topic to register](#)):

- June 10th: [Centers for Independent Living](#)
- July 8th: [Vocational Rehabilitation](#)
- August 12th: [How Medicare fits into Long-Term Care](#)
- September 9th: [Show Me Home Program](#)
- October 14th: [Medicare Open Enrollment for 2027](#)
- November 4th: [Special Health Care Needs Programs](#)

The MOD **Technology Series** focuses on assistive technology and other items that can enhance daily life. The Technology Series is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

- June 24th: [Removing Barriers to Computer Access](#)
- July 22nd: [Comfort and Confidence for Personal Care](#)
- August 26th: [Adaptive Crafting for All](#)
- September 23rd: [AT for Transitions: Are You Ready?](#)
- October 28th: [Giving People a Voice with Low Tech AAC](#)
- November 18th: [And the Award Goes To... Best AT of 2026](#)

State Offices Closed

Juneteenth, Friday, June 19th

Independence Day (observed), Friday, July 3rd

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