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COVID-19 Information

DD Operation/Provider Specific Guidance

- [CMS Appendix K Approval Letter - November 18, 2021](#)
- [Appendix K Addendum - November 18, 2021](#)
 - On November 18, 2021, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Missouri's request to amend the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Appendix K in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and increase rates for Individualized Supported Living, Group Home and Personal Assistant waiver services. Funding for these rate increases is from the temporary 10 percentage point increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid expenditures for HCBS under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) and effective from July 1, 2021, through six months after the end of the Public Health Emergency, but no later than June 30, 2022. This Appendix K Addendum is additive to those previously approved.

COVID-19 Community Testing

Testing remains a very important tool in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is now offering two options for FREE COVID-19 testing.

- First, there are in-person testing events hosted around the state. Individuals are not required to pre-register or have an appointment, simply show up to one of the events to receive the test.
- Second, Missouri residents may order a free test to be mailed to their Missouri address. These are PCR kits that are designed for self-collection with a return FedEx shipping container. Once received back by the laboratory, the result is returned to the person tested (via email provided) within 48 hours.

Information about the testing events and the test kits can be found at www.health.mo.gov/communitytest.