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Ongoing Webinars
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Free MO Open Door Series
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Quarterly Benefits Presentation

DDD Weekly



Director Sheila Wunning

Director's Corner

I wanted to talk to you this week about Special Needs Trusts (SNTs). These SNTs can hold money for an individual with a disability. A benefit of a SNT is an individual with a disability can have money in the SNT and get Supplemental Security Income (SSI), MO HealthNet, or HUD housing benefits at the same time.

Money that you save in a SNT doesn't count towards the resource limits for SSI, MO HealthNet, or HUD housing. This means that if you have a SNT, you can be in a more secure financial situation without losing your benefits.

While public benefits, such as SSI, MO HealthNet, and HUD housing benefits, offer basic support for food, shelter, and medical care, a SNT can be used to pay for other service that can help you. For example, money from the SNT can be used to pay for things like your telephone, car, household items and health club membership. Money from a SNT cannot be used for expenses that are already paid for by one of your public benefits.

Although, SNTs have advantages, they also have strict rules. It is important to set up your SNT correctly. If your SNT is not set up correctly, the assets in your SNT might be counted toward the public benefits resource limits and you could lose your public benefits.

Please connect with an expert for more information about SNTs. Midwest Special Needs Trust is a non-profit that can assist Missourians in setting up an SNT.

For more information, you can visit:

<https://www.midwestspecialneedstrust.org/getting-started/>

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DDD Weekly contains links to webinars, trainings, meetings and other websites with additional information about the topics covered in *DDD Weekly*. If you click on the [blue text](#), it will take you to another website where you can sign up for the meeting, learn more about the topic, etc. If you have questions about using *DDD Weekly*, please email ddmail@dmh.mo.gov.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES AND HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDERS

MHD is preparing to implement claims validation for Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) with a soft launch in January 2026. During this phase, all EVV-required claims must have a matching visit in the EAS, and providers will receive remark codes on their remittance advice about future payment policy changes. Claims without matching visits will still be paid, allowing providers to familiarize themselves with these codes. After the soft launch, a hard edit will deny claims that do not match EVV visit information, starting with personal care service providers. Home Health Care Service providers and those under the Department of Mental Health will follow. Providers must continue submitting claims but must ensure that visit data is accurate in the EAS.

More updates will be shared in Provider Bulletins and Hot Tips, and detailed information is available on the [EVV Provider webpage](#).

10-20-25

2025-2026 Surveys: Your Feedback is Important!

The MO Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) has begun a new survey cycle. The Division participates in three National Core Indicators (NCI) surveys and the Missouri Quality Outcomes Survey. These surveys ask people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and their families about their lives and the services they receive.

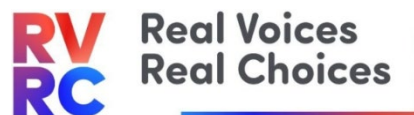
People receiving DDD services are randomly selected to participate in these surveys. People who are selected will be contacted by mail or telephone to participate. Mailed surveys will come from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Institute for Human Development, later in the year. Telephone contact will be made by staff from the local Regional Office starting in November 2025.

All survey responses are anonymous and help improve services for everyone. DDD evaluates all survey responses to help guide decisions about program development and enhance services. The 2025-2026 survey cycle ends on June 30, 2026.

Please explore DDD's Easy Reader [Surveys and You: Your Voice Matters](#). Any questions about the surveys can be sent to Caitlin Bartley, NCI Project Coordinator. caitlin.bartley@dmh.mo.gov.

10-20-25

Missouri Real Voices / Real Choices Looking for Volunteer Conference Planning Committee Members



The 2026 Real Voices Real Choices (RVRC) conference is scheduled for August 23-25, 2026. This conference focuses on uniting, informing, and empowering individuals and families living with mental illness, developmental and intellectual disabilities, and those in recovery from substance use disorders.

The RVRC is looking for passionate volunteers to help plan the next conference. People with lived experience and family members of someone with lived experience are encouraged to consider joining the RVRC planning committee and sharing their ideas for the conference.

Applications for volunteer membership to the RVRC planning committee are being accepted until **October 24, 2025**. Please note that transportation to and from the planning committee meetings in Jefferson City throughout the upcoming year and to the conference in August is a requirement for membership.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a [volunteer application](#). All questions should be directed to Kailey at consumerconference@dmh.mo.gov.

10-20-25

MO Children's Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD)

There is now a team specializing in assistance with MO Children's Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver applications. The new specialized team began receiving new MOCDD application requests on October 1. While this team will not assume case management responsibilities for those currently receiving case management by local TCMs, if a local TCM would like assistance with completing MOCDD packets, they may reach out to MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov. TCMs are not required to request assistance from the MOCDD specialized team for MOCDD waiver applications; assistance is available and optional as needed.

For new MOCDD requests, support coordinators may email MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov for the statewide team to initiate and complete the application process.

For MOCDD applications currently in process, support coordinators may email MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov for technical assistance.

Private TCMs serving individuals who do not receive Medicaid may continue to complete the application internally or request assistance from the statewide team at MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov. This includes applications currently in process or future applications.

For additional information or questions, please reach out to: MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov.

Missouri Assistive Technology Connecting People to Assistive Technology

Most people benefit from using some form of assistive technology every day. It can be as simple as using a pencil grip to help with writing, helping users control their environments, providing them with a way to communicate with others, or allowing them to operate a vehicle.



The programs offered through Missouri Assistive Technology (MoAT) are designed to increase knowledge of assistive technology and to help Missourians with disabilities access the things that can help them gain more control and independence, give them more options and choices, and give them greater opportunities in their daily life.

Visit [MoAT's website](#) to explore the programs and resources available or contact MoAT at 1-800-647-8557; TTY: 1-800-647-8558.

Health Risk Screening (HRS) Process Phase II



Effective October 1, 2025, the Regional Office Quality Program RNs (QPRNs) will resume the HRST Expanded Clinical Review (ECR) Process. As a reminder, the HRST Expanded Clinical Review (ECR) is an additional quality measure that the Clinical Reviewer (Regional Office Quality Program RN) completes for individuals who have a Health Care Level (HCL) of 4 or higher. As the title implies, it is a more in-depth clinical review for those individuals who are at a higher risk of destabilization or may need some additional support. The Expanded Clinical Review Process (ECR) has two components: A Desk Review and an On-Site Review.

The clinical reviewer will conduct the HRST Expanded Clinical Review Process when:

- Annual clinical reviews conducted for individuals receiving residential services and supports indicate a Healthcare Level of 4 or higher, or
- Throughout the course of the PCSP year, an individual has an increase from their previous health care level of 3 or higher by one health care level, and
- The Clinical Review has reached agreement status

For more information, please review the [HRST Phase II Process Document](#) or visit the HRST general webpage [DDD HRST Information](#). You may also reach out to your agency's assigned [Quality Program RN](#) or send questions to the MO DD HRST Project mailbox at MODDHRSTProject@dmh.mo.gov.

Missouri Open Door Workshop Series



The Missouri Open Door (MOD)

Workshops are FREE virtual workshops

available to anyone interested in the discussed topic and who wants to learn more. The two monthly workshops available are the Benefit Series and the Technology Series.

The **MOD Benefit Series** covers topics related to Government benefits such as Medicare, SSI/SSDI, Long-term Care, veterans' benefits, etc. It takes place on the **second Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. each month.**

The **MOD Technology Series** is designed to provide information about using technology in everyday life, such as using technology for daily living tasks, smart home features, environmental adaptations, community access, employment, and more. It is held on the **fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Visit the Ongoing Webinars section of *DDD Weekly* for the link to the training webpage. Sign up for the [Missouri Open Door Workshop](#) mailing list to receive regular notifications.



Disability Rights Legislative Day – Save the Date

Disability Rights Legislative Day (DRLD) 2026 is on the calendar! Save the date for **February 25, 2026**.

Find additional information about DRLD and watch for updates on the [DRLD website](#) or follow along on [Facebook](#).

Become a Peer Mentor and Share Your Strengths with Others

Are you a parent, family member, or person with a disability who has experience navigating challenges, or do you support someone with a disability or special health care needs?

Want to make a meaningful impact on someone else's life?

Consider joining the Sharing Our Strengths (SOS) program as a Peer Mentor!

As a Peer Mentor, you will:

- Offer support and guidance to families who are navigating similar experiences.
- Share your wisdom, advice, and insights gained from your own journey.
- Be a listening ear for someone who needs to know they are not alone.
- Celebrate the small victories and provide encouragement along the way.

Don't miss the last opportunity to become a Peer Mentor in 2025!

There are three upcoming informational meetings to get involved in before the end of the year.

Date for upcoming training:

November 6 @ 2:00pm

For more information about becoming a Peer Mentor, visit the [SOS website](#) or contact Missouri Family-to-Family at 1-800-444-0841 or e-mail: mofamilytofamily@umkc.edu.



What is ConneXion?

ConneXion is a secure online system that helps providers, support coordinators, and teams share and access important information about individuals receiving Developmental Disabilities (DD) services.



Goal for ConneXion:

To create a simple, secure system that helps people who support individuals with developmental disabilities share important information—so everyone can work together to provide the best care and services.

What's Happening:

We're planning for the future of ConneXion! Right now, our team is writing a detailed plan—kind of like a shopping list—that explains what we need in a new system to better support individuals and meet state rules.

We hope to share this plan with technology companies in January 2026, so they can show us how they would build it.

What is FHIR?

FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) is a national standard that helps different computer systems safely share health and support information.



Goal for FHIR:

To make it easier for health care providers, support teams, and service systems to securely share important information, so individuals with developmental disabilities receive better, more connected care.

What's Happening:

Our team is building tools that help different computer systems "talk" to each other using FHIR. This makes it easier for doctors, providers, and support coordinators to share important information—like medical history or support plans.

We are working to share person-centered service plan data in real time through the Health Information Network (HIN) viewer. This will help teams quickly see the most up-to-date information for individuals receiving DD services.

We're aiming to have this ready to go live between January and February 2026.

Self-Directed Supports Communication for New Reason Codes

In February 2025, the 999 "Other" Reason Code was removed from Acumen's DCI system. When a time entry is corrected manually, a Reason Code is required. On August 20, 2025, two (2) additional Reason Codes will be added to Acumen's DCI system to enhance EVV compliance. The new Reason Codes listed below will now be available to utilize when entering historical entries into Acumen's DCI system.

Reason Code #260: Budget Authorization Pending at Time of Service

This is to be used when the budget authorization is not available in DCI when service is provided, and time is entered manually when the budget does become available.

Reason Code #270: Did Not Comply with Service/Program Requirements

To be used when time entries are rejected due to business rules established by the program. Examples that would create a need for historical entries are:

- If one employee clocks in before the previous employee, and the individual clocks out, the visit is rejected.
- If the time an individual clocks out puts them over 40 hours worked that week, the visit is rejected.

Not sure which code to use?

If you're ever unsure which code to use, your Acumen agent is available to help. Using the right code ensures that time is entered correctly and avoids problems later.

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