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Webinars, Trainings and Workshops

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DDD Weekly

Director's Corner



Director Sheila Wunning

Hello everyone! This week, I wanted to talk with you about program integrity. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is really focusing on waste, fraud and abuse within its programs. DDD has several programs that are funded by Medicaid, including Targeted Case Management and our waivers. CMS has a new initiative called CRUSH, for more information on what CMS is doing to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse, visit: [CMS Crushing Waste, Fraud and Abuse](#).

DDD and MO HealthNet have many practices in place to identify waste, fraud and abuse within our programs. Some of the ways DDD ensures

program integrity are utilization reviews, service monitoring, file reviews, provider reviews, Electronic Visit Verification (EVV), and incident management. DDD is dedicated to making sure Missourians with IDD have quality programs and that Medicaid dollars are used appropriately. It is very important that Missourians with IDD receive the services they need to thrive and that the services provided are appropriate to their needs. The cost of care has gone up a lot in the last 5 years. We all have to work together to make sure programs are sustainable. I appreciate everyone's help in identifying new ways to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse, as this is one way that we can make progress towards this goal.

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6/7/26

Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
10:00 a.m.

6/7/26

Self-advocates Input Session on Work and Retirement
1:00 p.m.

6/8/26

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

6/15/26

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

6/18/26

Tools of Choice
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

6/30/26

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

7/7/26

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

7/8/26

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

Ongoing Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month

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

MMAC Off-Cycle Provider Revalidation

The Missouri Medicaid Audit & Compliance (MMAC) Unit issued a notice to inform providers of an off-cycle provider revalidation initiative. This revalidation follows Governor Kehoe's communication with CMS regarding Missouri's revalidation strategy of specific Medicaid provider types to ensure compliance with current federal requirements. This off-cycle revalidation process is intended to reduce fraud and strengthen program integrity. Providers selected for this off-cycle review will receive the standard 120-, 90-, 60-, and 30-day letters via email at the address listed in their eMOMED account. Failure to complete the required revalidation steps within the designated timeframe will result in administrative action, including termination as a provider from the MO HealthNet program.

The following Provider Types shall revalidate prior to Oct. 1, 2026: Adult Day Care providers (Provider ID "29"), Durable Medical Equipment Suppliers (Provider ID "62"), Providers without NPIs, and any other provider identified as "high-risk" by CMS or MMAC, this includes Clinics (Provider ID "50") with an Autism Center (Specialty code of "AC").

The following Provider Types shall revalidate prior to March 2, 2027: Home Health Agencies (Provider Type #s "58"), Private Duty Nursing (Provider Type #s beginning with "94"), Applied Behavioral Analysts (Provider Type #s beginning with "73"), Hospice (Provider Type #s beginning with "82"), and Substance Abuse (Provider Type #s beginning with "86").

For more information, please visit [MMAC Off-Cycle Revalidation Initiative](#) and ensure you are receiving communication directly from Missouri Department of Social Services.

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.

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

Parents' Point of View (PPOV) Series

NASDDDS Podcast The Right Questions, Better Support

Providers Maintaining Compliance with Medicaid Program Requirements

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](#).

DDD MOCDD Team

The DDD MOCDD Team offers assistance for the MO Children's Developmental Disabilities (MOCDD) Waiver Request Process in two ways.

Technical Assistance: Support Coordinators can reach out to request help or consult with the team on completing a MOCDD Waiver Request Process packet.

Completion of Full Packet: Support coordinators, individuals and families can request that the DDD MOCDD Team complete the entire MOCDD Waiver Request Process.

Support coordinators or individuals and families who would like assistance or more information can email MOCDDS@dmh.mo.gov.

Employment First Missouri

Is your agency seeking additional assistance beyond what typical training can offer? Then look no further than Employment First Missouri.



Not only does our team provide trainings on a variety of topics based on national best practices, but we also can support DMH employment agencies and TCMs by assisting them with the development of job descriptions, organizational/department budgets, organizational flow charts, writing of policies/procedures, staff onboarding trainings (including employment first training), and other relevant topics necessary to the daily function of an employment organization.

If you would like to receive further information on this or have questions about how we can assist your agency, please visit our website at <https://www.employmentfirstmo.org> and use the “**Contact Us**” page to reach out.

What does phased retirement look like for individuals with IDD?

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Thank you for your passion and commitment to inclusion!

Self-Advocates Input Session – Choose one date/time below.

Tuesday, July 7, at 10 am [Register here](#)

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Service Providers and SC/TCM Input Session – Choose one date/time below:

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Missouri Autism Center Consortium

The Department of Mental Health contracts with Missouri Autism Centers to provide diagnostic evaluations and intervention services for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

These centers are clinics that provide best practice diagnostic evaluations and referrals for children, as well as training for families and communities. In addition, the centers provide clinical training and serve as a statewide resource for the medical and clinical community to advance evidence-based and emerging best practices for ASD diagnostics and intervention.

For more information, check out the [Missouri Autism Centers in the Consortium webpage](#).

Individual/Legally Responsible Person Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) Signature Requirements

In accordance with [42 CFR 441.301 \(c\) \(2\) \(ix\)](#), Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Person-Centered Service Plans (PCSPs) must be approved and signed by the individual and/or legally responsible person before implementation. This applies to all initial, annual, and amended PCSPs modifying HCBS services, supports, responsible persons, legal status changes, rights, providers, back-up plans, goals, and outcomes. This is a federal requirement with no exceptions.

Signatures on PCSPs may be handwritten or electronic. All electronic signatures must comply with [13 CSR 65-3.050](#) and [Missouri Medicaid Audit & Compliance \(MMAC\) Electronic Signature Requirements](#).

Questions and comments should be directed to TCMTAC@dmh.mo.gov.

Tier 2 Risk Prevention

Join the Tier 2 Risk Prevention Consultants to learn and practice building and implementing systems of support for individuals with complex needs.

These workshops will include both learning and practicing skills with active participation. The consultants will be happy to answer any questions and ensure that participants leave with a clear understanding of how to apply what they learned in everyday scenarios.

Topics include Tier 2 Readiness and Risk Screening, Safety Crisis Planning as a System of Support, Check-in/Check-out as a System of Support, and Enriched Environments as a System of Support.

Target Audience: Human Service Providers, Behavioral Service Providers, and any other interested Stakeholders

Virtual Tier 2 May workshops: Register with the links below

May 5, 2026, 9 am - 10:30 am- [Tier 2 Readiness and Risk Screener](#)

May 12, 2026, 9 am - 10:30 am- [Tier 2 Workshop: Safety Crisis Plans as a System of Support](#)

May 19, 2026, 9 am - 10:30 am- [Tier 2 Workshop: Check in Check Out as a System of Support](#)

May 26, 2026, 9 am - 10:30 am- [Tier 2 Workshop: Enriched Environments](#)

For more information, please contact Tier2@dmh.mo.gov.

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Tiered Supports Summit Call for Posters

The Annual Tiered Supports Summit is calling for posters! Has your organization been working on something interesting? Want to share information about systems, events and trainings? Submit a poster proposal to the email below and share it with providers, direct service personnel, therapists, support coordinators, TCMs, public administrators, and others from across the state of Missouri and bordering states! Have an idea, but not sure where to start?! Our team can support you in building and showcasing your ideas!

Topics could include:

- Building a system in your organization
- Data you'd like to share
- Training events
- New ideas for supporting individuals

The deadline for submissions is **May 17th**

The Summit will be held on August 20th and 21st at the Wyndham Executive Center.

If you are selected to present a poster, you or a representative must be present at the event.

See more information on our webpage: 20226-Tiered Supports Summit Call for Posters or reach out to PSC@Dmh.mo.gov for details on submission.

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](#)):

- May 13th: [Community Behavioral Health Liaisons & Behavioral Health Crisis Centers](#)
- 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.

- May 27th: [Parenting Made Easier: Tools, Strategies and Supports](#)
- 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

Truman Day, Friday, May 8th

Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th

Juneteenth, Friday, June 19th

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