

# Adult Medical Day Care Services under the Developmental Disability Administrations Community Pathways and New Directions Waivers July 2008

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## Introduction

Effective July 1, 2008, the removal of Medical Day Care as a Medicaid State Plan Services created a new Medical Day Care Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver. The implementation of this new waiver created the addition of Medical Day Care services under all of the existing HCBS waivers in Maryland (The Model, Older Adults, Living At Home, Traumatic Brain Injury, Community Pathways and New Directions Waivers).

Because individuals can not be in two Medicaid waivers at the same time, Medical Day Care (MDC) was added to the Developmental Disability Administration's (DDA) waivers to address individuals who meet the criteria of DD eligibility, are under a Physicians Order, and meet a nursing facility level of care for a period of, at minimum, six (6) months.

For existing DDA Medical Day Care service participants, services will continue uninterrupted. These individuals will transition from the old Medicaid State Plan Service into the new DDA Medical Day Care service.

Resource Coordinators and Case Managers will contact the individual and the Medical Day Care Provider within 90-days to update the annual Individual Plan (IP) and for the future, coordinate the annual IP, waiver renewal and continued stay review dates to ensure that individual's medical day care services continue uninterrupted throughout the year and to develop one Individual Plan (or Plan of Care)

## Medical Day Care Service Eligibility

To be eligible for DDA Medical Day Care service **under the DDA waivers** an individual must first be on a DDA waiver. Next an individual would require a Physicians assessment and order stating the need for participation in a Medical Day Care center, specifying how many days and the length of time.

Residential Medical Day Care participants will be able to attend a MDC program five days per week (M-F).

Once a Physicians Order has been obtained, individuals must meet a nursing facility level of care criteria (in addition to meeting ICF-MR criteria for DDA services).

Individuals who are determined eligible for Individual Support Services (ISS) only are **not** eligible for Medical Day Care Services under the DDA waivers and can be referred to their local health department for an AERS assessment and evaluation.

Once eligibility for Medical Day Care services is obtained, an individual has the freedom of choice to choose any licensed Medical Day Care provider.

## Who to contact

Individuals on DDA waivers who may be eligible for MDC services should contact their Resource Coordinator, Case Manager or DDA Regional Office.