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Data: As of February 24, 2021, there have been 9,631 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 6,858 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 632 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 12,993 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

As of March 3, 2021, there have been 9,766 confirmed COVID-19 positive cases statewide. Of those that tested positive, 6,908 individuals resided in certified residential programs. A total of 634 individuals statewide who tested positive have passed. A total of 13,219 staff were reported as confirmed COVID-19 positive.

Vaccine Data: There continues to be an increasing degree of vaccine dosages taken.

For individuals in certified residences, 72.5% have had at least the first dose of the vaccine.

There is a declination rate of 10.3%

For staff in certified residences, 22.3% have gotten at least their first dose. There is a 38.3% declination rate.

For individuals receiving Day or other Waiver services in the community, 20% have received their first dose. There is an 18% declination rate

For other individuals living in the community who receive Care management who became eligible as of 2/15/21, 3.9% have received their first dose. This groups eligibility is less than two weeks old, so more data will come in over the next two weeks.

Appendix K News: Kate Marlay reported that CMS has now approved two Appendix K waiver applications. The first, we now have official confirmation that current Appendix Waiver Flexibilities that had been in effect, such as Com Hab R and Telehealth, are in effect until 3/31/21. It was expressed previously that this would likely be the case as CMS reviews OPWDD's application to extend beyond the 3/31/21 date. It is now official.

The second approval action now allows Day Hab billing flexibilities, Full Day=2 Hours; Half Day=1 Hour, for billing units for services but **only in circumstances where the Day Hab site was closed**. The effective date of the Appendix K approval for these billing flexibilities is 10/15/20.

The first reason for a Day Hab site to be closed was by mandate by the local public health entity, a local DOH.

The second reason that fits this allowance is a voluntary closure by the provider as a result of COVID positive cases.

OPWDD will be reviewing these billing changes in a Medicaid Billing Webinar that may be presented as early as next week.

Services Updates and Re-opening: Willow Baer informed the group that OPW has been fielding lots of calls and inquiries about plans for a return to normalcy and when and how guidelines can be adjusted to reflect the graduated reopening of businesses and other services in communities. She confirmed that there have been internal discussions with DOH officials, and while there is nothing imminent, they will be looking to make proposals over the next couple of weeks to create guidelines. They will be prioritizing the Day Hab sites, with a look at increasing capacity restrictions, accepting larger cohorts to attend, accommodating more people in the daily transport, as well as an examination of post-exposure and post-travel guidelines for staff. OPWDD will be accepting suggestions and proposed changes over the next couple of weeks. IAC will be holding a joint Day and Residential Committee meeting next week to explore ideas and send recommendations to OPWDD.