Providing Day Services in Residential Settings

When the individual is residing in a licensed setting and that provider agency is also licensed to deliver Group Day services and will be delivering the service in the home:

It is essential that Group Day staff and the individuals in the home be actively screened for symptoms or exposure to COVID-19 and that CDC precautions (frequent handwashing/use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks), as well as social distancing, to the extent possible, be observed by all staff and participants during the Group Day activities.

When the individual is residing in a licensed setting and a different licensed provider agency will be delivering the Group Day services:

If 75% or more of the individuals in the home typically attend the same provider's Group Day services, that Group Day provider's staff and the individuals in the home shall be actively screened for symptoms or exposure to COVID-19 and CDC precautions (frequent handwashing/use of hand sanitizer and wearing of masks), as well as social distancing, to the extent possible, shall be observed by all staff and participants during the Group Day activities.

If fewer than 75% of the individuals in the home typically receive services from the same Group Day provider, an alternative service delivered to a single individual or small group of individuals such as Community Engagement or Community Coaching may be utilized. These may be provided via telehealth in certain circumstances (see Medicaid Memo for further guidance regarding Medicaid billing).

In either of the above scenarios, providers must confirm with all residents/substitute decision makers that they consent to staff coming in and understand the risks/benefits. Group Day staff coming into the home must sign document agreeing not to share HIPAA protected information regarding the residents of the home. If residents/substitute decision makers do not agree, Group Day services may not be provided.

