

South Carolina Human Services Provider Association

Mary Poole, State Director
SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Dear Director Poole,

I am writing on behalf of the 53 member organizations of the South Carolina Human Services Providers Association with some pressing concerns. The Association has the following concerns/information requests:

- 1) Providers have been working with the channels identified by SCDDSN for Personal Protective Equipment, yet providers are not receiving these supplies to ensure the health and welfare of staff and the people we support. We need DSN to advocate and educate responsible parties of the urgency of our requests and that our service delivery system is on par with other healthcare entities as relates to importance.
- 2) Many questions arose after the DDSN Finance Meeting held on April 7, 2020. Providers are requesting more details as we are actively making decisions in the present that will be reconciled in the future.
 - a. What is the amount DDSN will generate from FMAP change?
 - b. How will the FMAP funds be designated?
 - c. Will FMAP funds be used to address Case Management and Early Intervention fiscal shortfalls due to Coronavirus?
 - d. Will the FMAP funds be used to offset Provider excess costs for Residential services during the emergency?
 - e. Will the FMAP funds be used to offset DDSN loss due to Day Program closures? If so, what percentage and/or amount?
 - f. What percentage/amount of the Day Program loss incurred by DDSN do you think Providers should anticipate being responsible for?

The Association is aware that many things are changing, and you are very busy handling this crisis at the State level. We value and appreciate your time in reviewing these requests. I am open to a call to discuss if you have clarification questions about our request. We are seeking your response to the Association with decisions and/or support so we can take action as early as possible to reduce risk and to ensure we are viable beyond this crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Tavenner, Chair

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