

# APPENDIX K ANSWERS FOR RECIPIENTS OF NOW&COMP WAIVERS



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## WHAT IS APPENDIX K?

Due to COVID-19, the supports and services provided through the NOW&COMP waivers have been disrupted. The state requested emergency changes to how services can be provided. Their request to the federal government is called 'Appendix K.'



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## WHEN DO CHANGES TO NOW&COMP START?

The state submitted their application to the federal government on March 28th and it was approved on April 9th. It is important to note that the changes are in effect from **MARCH 1, 2020-FEBRUARY 28, 2021**. Changes may terminate before Feb. 28, 2021 depending on whether or not the emergency continues.



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## CAN FAMILY BE PAID TO PROVIDE SUPPORTS?

Eligible family caregivers can provide the following services if an existing staff person is unable to do so: Community Living Supports, In Home and Out of Home Respite Services, and Community Access.



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## HOW WILL THIS AFFECT DSPs?

The state is working to make sure that DSPs can continue to be paid even when services are disrupted. The state may provide retainer payments (i.e., continue to pay the worker when services cannot be completed) for the following services: Community Residential Alternative (COMP only service), Community Living Support Services, Supported Employment Services, Prevocational Services, and Community Access Services.



The state may also lift caps placed on services, including Community Living Support Services, Community Access, Specialized Medical Supplies, and Respite, meaning they can be used more often than would typically be allowed.

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## CAN WE USE TELEHEALTH SERVICES?

YES! Tele-options can be used for: Behavioral Support Services, Adult Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech/Language Therapy (with feeding exceptions), Skilled Nursing Services (RN oversight only), Support Coordination, Intensive Support Coordination, and Supported Employment (job support, supervision, and any training that can be conducted over the phone).



Questions?

DBHDD asks that your first point of contact be **your support coordinator or intensive support coordinator**.

You can also email [participant.direction@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:participant.direction@dbhdd.ga.gov).

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