NJ Department of Human Services
Division of Developmental Disabilities

Information Bulletin

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To: All DDD Service Providers and Stakeholders

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Subject: New Application Process for Prospective DDD/Medicaid Providers

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) is changing its application process for agencies and professionals interested in applying to become a DDD/Medicaid-approved provider of services for individuals in the Community Care Program and Supports Program.

Why this is changing

DDD is making this change to enhance provider qualifications, strengthen provider readiness, and support access to safe, high-quality services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in New Jersey.

What will change

1. The current process routes provider applications to Medicaid first and then, if approved by Medicaid, to DDD for final review. The revised process will route applications *to DDD first*. DDD will review applications and, if approved, will issue a DDD Certificate of Provider Readiness. The application will then proceed to Medicaid for final review.
2. The new process will include:
    - Enhanced qualification requirements for agency leaders for certain services
    - Mandatory pre-application trainings
    - Enhanced review of applicants interested in providing specialized services
3. DDD will stop accepting applications year-round. Instead, we will have two open application periods per calendar year, tentatively in March and September.

Important Dates (Tentative)

December 31, 2026	This is the last day an agency or professional can apply under the current process. DDD will review completed applications received by this date.
January 1, 2027	DDD will temporarily stop accepting new applications from prospective providers. (There will be a process for emergency exceptions.)
January – March 2027	DDD expects to publish a transition overview and timeline, as well as updated guidance and training resources.
March 2027	DDD will begin holding monthly webinars.

September 2027	DDD expects to open the first application period under the new process, *depending on system readiness*.

What This Means for Current DDD Providers

Providers that have already completed the application process and been approved by DDD and Medicaid do not need to re-apply.

What This Means for Prospective DDD Providers

Agencies and professionals interested in applying to become a DDD/Medicaid-approved provider of services to individuals in the Community Care Program and Supports Program who complete and submit their application by **December 31, 2026** will continue through the current review process.

Agencies and professionals that do not submit a completed application by **December 31, 2026** will need to postpone applying until DDD opens its first open application period, currently expected to be **September 2027**.

Questions

If you have questions about this transition to a new provider application process, you can contact our DDD Provider Helpdesk at DDD.Providerhelpdesk@dhs.nj.gov.