

New changes will be implemented in the Elderly and Disabled with Consumer Direction (EDCD) waiver and the Technology waiver respite service authorization.

- Respite care service authorization will change from 12 month durations to 24 month durations for requests submitted for all *new respite admissions, re-admissions and transfers* processed by KEPRO beginning March 1, 2014.
- Requests for respite **renewals** will continue to be authorized for 12 months by KEPRO for respite authorizations that end January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014.
- **EDCD waiver only** -In April 2014, Medicaid members with current respite authorizations that end May 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 will receive an extended respite authorization. The respite authorization will be automatically extended to 2015 using the members birth month and day. This will be done as a one-time extension to move respite renewals from the fiscal year, June 30th. Future Respite renewal end dates will be calculated based on the requested dates of service which may not continue to coincide with the birth month and date.
- **New respite change in 2015.** All respite renewals, new admissions, re-admissions, and transfers will be authorized for 24 months. Providers will need to submit a request for services to receive an authorization. This change includes respite services in the **EDCD waiver and the Technology waiver. There will be no automatic renewals.**
- **EDCD waiver only** - providers may choose to align the respite services with personal care authorizations.

KEPRO will provide web based training sessions for providers on the EDCD respite to personal care alignment process on June 3, 2014. Providers may access these training sessions by going to dmas.kepro.com and clicking on the Training tab.

Fax forms used for service authorization are available in the, "SERVICE AUTHORIZATION FAX FORMS" section and the KEPRO website, <http://dmas.kepro.com>. The preferred submission method is through direct data entry. Providers can register for **Atrezzo Connect** on the KEPRO website.

For more specific information detailing how the respite authorization changes will be implemented, refer to the Medicaid Memo dated March 4, 2014 on the Provider Web Portal at: <https://virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov> under the Provider Services Tab. DMAS provider manuals are accessible on the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, <https://virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov> and the KEPRO website <http://dmas.kepro.com>.

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