

2019 General Assembly
Appropriations Act Chapter 854
Department of Medical Assistance Services

Item 303 Medicaid Program Services (45600)

LLL.1 *By October 1, 2019*, the Department of Medical Assistance Services *shall* require consumer-directed aides providing personal care, respite care and companion services in the Medicaid Commonwealth Coordinated Care (CCC) Plus Waiver and Developmental Disability waiver programs and the Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program to utilize an Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) system. The department is authorized to contract with a vendor to provide access to an EVV system for use by consumer-directed aides.

2. For personal care, respite care and companion services agencies, the department shall work with the appropriate stakeholders to develop standards for electronic visit verification systems and certification requirements to ensure EVV systems used by such agencies meet all federal requirements and are capable of providing the necessary data the department may require.

3. Nothing stated above shall apply to respite services provided by a DBHDS licensed provider in a DBHDS licensed program site such as a group home, sponsored residential home, supervised living, supported living or similar facility/location licensed to provide respite, as allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

4. The department shall ensure that implementation of electronic visit verification complies with all requirements of the federal Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services. The department shall have authority to implement these provisions prior to the completion of any regulatory process in order to effect such changes.