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HOUSE BILL NO. 499

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health and Human Services

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Cohen)

A BILL to direct the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to modify the program rules for certain Medicaid waivers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) shall modify the program rules for Consumer-Directed Services Facilitation for the following Medicaid waivers: the Family and Individual Support Waiver, the Community Living Waiver, and the CCC Plus Waiver as well as the Medicaid Works and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment programs. DMAS and DBHDS shall eliminate the requirement that certain visits for individuals enrolled in the aforementioned waivers shall be conducted face-to-face. Certain visits may be conducted via a HIPAA-compliant video connection but shall be required to be face-to-face upon request by the consumer or the consumer's authorized representative. Visits conducted via a HIPAA-compliant video connection shall be reimbursed at the same rate as face-to-face visits. Consumer-directed management training, routine visits, and employee management training may be conducted via a HIPAA-compliant video connection. If the frequency of routine visits is monthly, face-to-face visits shall be required once per quarter. Services Facilitators shall conduct all initial comprehensive visits, consumer training, and reassessment visits face-to-face in the consumer's home.

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