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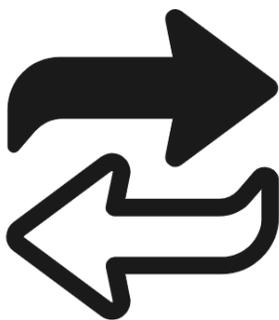
The Self-Advocacy
Association of New York
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**OPWDD “Care Planning
Guidance” Easy Read
Document for Self-
Advocates**

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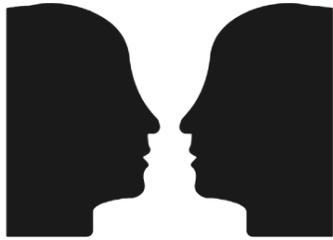


On April 17th **OPWDD** released a paper to guide people about care planning

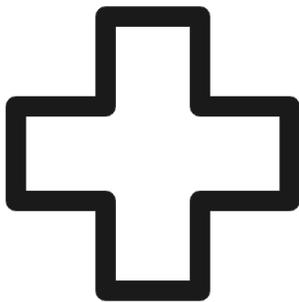
https://dmna.ny.gov/covid19/docs/all/OPWDD_COVID19_CarePlanningGuidance_041720.pdf

There are changes to how the people who plan your care can work

SANYS wants self-advocates to know about some of these changes



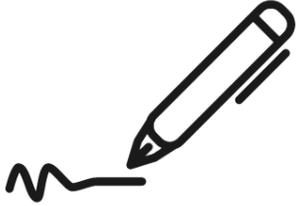
Face to face meetings are no long required...



...unless there is a medical reason



Your Care Coordinator should find other ways to stay in touch with you



A signature is not required to make changes to your Life Plan



But your Care Coordinator still needs your approval to make changes



Your Care Coordinator must find ways to document whatever approval you give



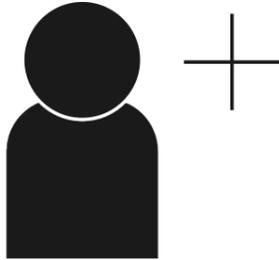
You do not have to have a face to face Life Plan Meeting during this emergency



If you would like to have your Life Plan meeting, you can



But it must be over the phone or internet, not in person



If you need new services during the emergency, you can get them without a Life Plan

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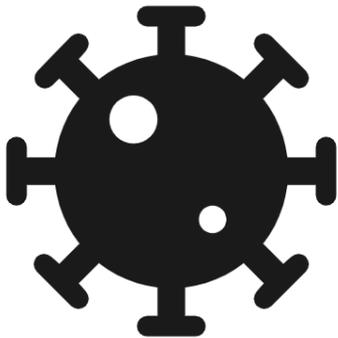


OPWDD should work with your Care Coordinator to get new services



They can use the documents they already have, even without the Life Plan

Medicaid



No one can lose Medicaid during the emergency

Even if you get a letter saying your Medicaid is discontinued...

...your Medicaid will stay active until the public health emergency is over



SANYS wants to help keep people with developmental disabilities informed during this crisis

Please stay in touch with us at www.sanys.org and connect with SANYS staff in your region