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# Evaluating NYS' Response to COVID-19 in relation to Individuals with IDD

March 25, 2022



# Legislation

APPROVAL MEMORANDUM - No. 86 Chapter 711

MEMORANDUM filed with Senate Bill Number 6294-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring the developmental disabilities advisory council to produce a report evaluating the state's response to the COVID-19 state disaster emergency as it relates to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof"



# Items Included in the Report per Legislation

- ▶ Timeline of EOs, guidance, regs from OPWDD, DOH, etc.
- ▶ Timeline of outreach to stakeholders and response from feedback
- ▶ Actions taken to minimize exposure between residents
- ▶ Actions taken to assist in the procurement of PPE for residents and staff in facilities
- ▶ Inventory of cost incurred related to COVID-19 response
- ▶ Inventory of actions taken to assist underserved communities
- ▶ COVID-19 challenges faced by individuals with IDD
- ▶ Evaluation of policies, programs, procedures to determine safety and efficacy of implementation
- ▶ Recommendations for changes to laws or regulations



# DDPC will assist with the following:

- 1. Prepare timeline of executive orders, guidance and regulations. Identify positive actions and gaps
- 2. Prepare timeline of outreach with stakeholders and any changes resulting from recommendations
- 3. Conduct focus groups with self-advocates, families, underserved communities, providers and CCOs
- 4. Distribute online surveys to pertinent stakeholders
- 5. Review and evaluate data and other related documents
- 6. Prepare final report including recommended changes to laws and regs

# DDAC/DDPC Communication Plan

- ▶ Weekly check-in meetings
- ▶ DDAC Exec will provide feedback throughout the research and development of the report including:
  - ▶ Timelines/inventories to provide guidance on gaps
  - ▶ Evaluation of policies, programs, and procedures
  - ▶ Recommendations for changes to laws and regs
  - ▶ Report outline
  - ▶ First draft of text
  - ▶ Formatted final draft
  - ▶ Plain language version
- ▶ DDAC Exec will solicit feedback from full DDAC at key junctures
- ▶ DDPC will report out to full DDAC at quarterly meetings

Comments? Questions?