



*Coronavirus (COVID-19)*

# News Bulletin

June 17, 2020

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You are invited to join us tomorrow, **Thursday, June 18 at 11:30 am** for an online meeting for members and their family. Please [click here](#) to register. Jim Moran, Care Design NY CEO, will give an overview on the 16% proposed rate reduction by OPWDD and what this will mean to Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs). An advocacy campaign is underway (see below) and details on how you can participate will be provided. This will be an opportunity to ask the Care Design NY leadership team questions. Your feedback is crucial to influencing our most important priorities!

For future meetings, please click on the online meeting schedule button below. If you were unable to join a recent online meeting, please click on the past recorded meeting button below.

[June/July Online Meeting Schedule](#)

[Past Recorded Webinars & Online Meetings](#)

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## **CCO Advocacy Campaign: YOUR Voice is Needed!**

OPWDD has announced a historic 16% rate cut to Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) that threaten access to disability services.

The funding cut is scheduled to be implemented on July 1, 2020. We need your help in telling Governor Cuomo that he needs to stop the 16% proposed rate cut to CCOs. Otherwise, CCOs will need to make very difficult decisions about how to adjust to this deep cut in funding which will result in less clinical resources, increased caseloads for care managers, cuts to overall compensation of all staff that will likely result in higher turnover, and more.

CCOs, such as Care Design NY, advocate for people with I/DD at every stage of life. For many, CCOs are a safety net ensuring an essential connection to services and supports, especially in crisis situations in life.

Please act and stand together so the I/DD community cannot be ignored by doing the following:

Step 1: [Click here](#) to visit the advocacy website.

Step 2: Click on the TAKE ACTION button.

Step 3: Modify the pre-drafted letter to the Governor or send as written.

Step 4: Click the SEND A MESSAGE button.

You can also [click here](#) to visit the Care Design NY Facebook page and share our posted content that CCO services are in jeopardy. Please visit the Care Design NY Facebook page daily between now and July 1 to share new posts. In addition, [click here](#) to visit the Care Design NY Twitter page and retweet our posts.

Thank you for using your voice to keep CCOs and our communities strong!

## **Care Design NY Statement on Diversity & Inclusion**

Please [click here](#) to read a message from Jim Moran, Care Design NY CEO, on the tragic reminders that inequality, injustice and disparities to minority groups have no place in our community and that Black Lives Matter!

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## **Reopening I/DD Services: Individual & Family Perspective**

Care Design NY in collaboration with other organizations and advocates developed two documents with recommendations and considerations for opening Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability services in New York

State. Please [click here](#) for the reopening narrative. Please [click here](#) for an easy-to-read guide.

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## Important OPWDD Released Information

OPWDD Commissioner Kastner announced that visitation at OPWDD certified group homes and residential facilities may resume as early as this Friday, June 19, 2020. Please [click here](#) to read his message.

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## Coping Circles for New Yorkers

NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) announced, *Coping Circles* to help New Yorkers with COVID-19. *Free*, six-week support and resilience groups, held by video or phone, facilitated by licensed mental health professionals with up to six participants. Specialized *Coping Circles* are for healthcare workers and/or first responders, survivors of COVID-19, individuals who lost a job or loved one from COVID-19. To learn more, [click here](#).

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## Translated Resources Now Available

We have translated resources for Members and families. Languages now available are Spanish, Yiddish, Russian, Chinese, Urdu, Korean, and English. Please [click here](#) to view. Let us know if there are other languages and/or documents you would like translated and made available on our website: [memberfeedback@caredesignny.org](mailto:memberfeedback@caredesignny.org).

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## I AM & Life Plan Presentation

We have recorded and posted on our website the I AM & Life Plan presentation offered earlier this year so you can watch at your convenience. [Click here](#) to access. If you have questions, please reach out to your Care Design NY Care Manager or contact [memberfeedback@caredesignny.org](mailto:memberfeedback@caredesignny.org).

We are committed to providing information that meets your needs. Please let us know if there are other topics that you would like to have presented in an online webinar.

[I Am & Life Plan Presentation](#)

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## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Care Design NY is committed to getting answers to your most pressing questions! We have documented the answers from our subject matter experts.

Have a question? Please email: [memberfeedback@caredesignny.org](mailto:memberfeedback@caredesignny.org).

Please click on the Frequently Asked Questions button below. We will continue to update this FAQ list, so please check back frequently!

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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## Emergency Resource Search (COVID-19 SOS)

**COVID-19 Resource Center**

**COVID-19 SOS Search Tool**

**COVID-19 SOS Information Overview**

