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HOUSE BILL NO. 499
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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.*

Patron—Cohen

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

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 the following Medicaid waivers: the Family and Individual Support Waiver, the Community Living Waiver, the Building Independence Waiver, and the CCC Plus Waiver. 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 video connection. Visits conducted via video connection shall be reimbursed at the same rate as face-to-face visits. Consumer-directed management training, routine visits, employee management training, and consumer training may be conducted via video connection. Consumer-directed initial comprehensive visits and consumer-directed reassessment visits shall be conducted face-to-face in the consumer's home. Face-to-face visits shall be required upon request by the consumer or the consumer's authorized representative.*

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