

DISTANCE-BASED OBSERVATION AND REPORTING

Component of Assistive Technology

WHAT IS DISTANCE-BASED OBSERVATION AND REPORTING?

DBOR stands for “Distance-Based Observation and Reporting”. DBOR is a part of Assistive Technology (AT), a waiver service of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA). AT is available on all five waiver programs when a waiver participant requires technology in order to receive waiver-funded remote supports to maintain, or improve independence with daily living, to increase safety, or to help with social communication. AT and DBOR are currently available to clients on the Basic Plus, CIIBS, Core (Residential Support levels 1-3A and 3B), and IFS waivers during the COVID-19 pandemic, as an added flexibility approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



WHAT DOES ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY INCLUDE?

AT can include many devices such as tablets, switches, sensors, and more, that are necessary for the waiver participant to receive DBOR support from the waiver service provider.

WHAT IS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY?

AT are items or equipment used to increase, maintain, or improve the purposeful capabilities of waiver participants. Assistive technology includes a person-centered evaluation and the purchasing or leasing of assistive technology devices.

OTHER FUNCTIONS OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

AT assists a waiver participant with engaging in social communication and support to directly assist and increase independence in their home.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO RECEIVING AT OR AT-DBOR?

DDA waiver participants can contact their Case Resource Manager (CRM) to address their unmet needs and talk about how AT and/or DBOR can help meet those needs. For DBOR, the vendor contracted with DBOR will develop a person-centered evaluation identifying support hours and devices that will meet the needs and requests of the waiver participant. From there, the client's CRM will work on adding the service to the DDA Person-Centered Service Plan for services to begin.



WHAT DOES DBOR PROVIDE?

DBOR provides AT equipment and reporting support by a DBOR specialist, located in a secure, HIPPA-compliant facility. DBOR can only be provided when the waiver participant is not receiving other waiver/state plan services at the time. This includes waiver/state plan services that are delivered remotely.

