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| To: | Families and Legal Guardians |
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| From: | Siobhan Morgan, Director of Medicaid Operations |
| CC: | Jordan Scheff, Commissioner, Peter Mason Deputy Commissioner DDS Case Management |
| Date: | March 30, 2020 |
| Re: | Appendix K Approval |

On March 27, 2020, CT DDS received federal approval for our Appendix K application. This approval allows DDS to continue to receive 50% federal match for certain services and supports throughout the COVID-19 health crisis.

It is important to note that most of the waiver services amended in Appendix K are already provided on a day-today basis by our many qualified providers. These are not new waiver services (with the exception of Home Delivered meals, available to individuals who live independently). The Appendix K simply allows DDS to continue operations with some flexibility in how the provider delivers the existing services.

This will not change your family member's current plan or allocation from DDS.

We understand that information has been publicized regarding compensation of guardians for in-home supports and services. While Appendix K allows for this flexibility under certain circumstances, DDS has implemented an internal review process for approval of this mechanism on a case-by-case basis.

If you have specific questions about your family member's current supports and services you should work with your assigned DDS case manager.