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TO: Providers of Specialized Services
FROM: Peter Mason, Deputy Commissioner
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SUBJECT: Specialized Services

As you are aware, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) partnered to obtain federal reimbursement for day supports provided to our DDS individuals living in a nursing facility. These "Specialized Services" were originally scheduled to have begun on October 1, 2018. Due to a number of technical issues, the transfer of these services was delayed.

We are pleased to announce Specialized Services will begin on February 1, 2019. As of that date, providers will be directly billing Medicaid for day services provided in Skilled Nursing Facilities. At the mandatory training that was held on Friday, June 22, 2018 for all affected providers, agencies were instructed on how to register as a Specialized Services provider and the process for billing for this new program. If you have not yet registered to become a Specialized Services provider, please do so by the end of January. For your convenience, the link to the power point training presentation is https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DDS/Operations_Center/Billing/DDS_Specialized_Services_Billing_and_Web_Claim_Submission_Workshop.pptx?la=en.

One area of concern for the providers was the inclusion of funding to address the recently enacted \$14.75 hourly rate. DSS has adjusted the rates to meet the minimum wage bill. Attached are the rates that have been approved for Specialized Services.

It is important for us all to remember the individuals we support during this transition. DDS and DSS have worked to develop a process for a smooth transition. We are counting on all the providers to register as a Specialized Services provider and continue to support the individual living in the nursing facility. If you do not believe your agency will be interested in continuing to provide supports under this new program or will not be able to meet the February 1st start date, please email nicholas.jerard@ct.gov. Nick will also be available for any other questions regarding Specialized Services you may have.

Thank you for your patience as we undertake this new program.

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Specialized Services Rate			
Service	Rate	Unit	Limits
Individualized Day Supports	\$38.10	15 Minute Unit	24 Units Per Day
Group Day	\$138.82	Per diem	1 Unit Per Day
Group Hourly Day	\$22.05	15 Minute Unit	24 Units Per Day
Clinical Behavioral Supports	\$136.70	15 Minute Unit	8 Units Per Month
Nutrition, dining & Sensory	\$46.18	15 Minute Unit	8 Units Per Day (Max of 100 Units Per Year)