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To: DDS Providers

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Cc: Jordan A. Scheff, Commissioner, Peter Mason, Deputy Commissioner; Katie Rock-Burns, Chief of Staff; Scott McWilliams, Chief Fiscal Officer; Regional Directors, Assistant Regional Directors and Resource Administrators

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RE: In-Home CLA and CRS Authorizations

During the past several months there has been a substantial movement of individuals transferring from community day programs to supports being provided out of a person's congregate living setting. Our data shows that, since the beginning of August, more than 650 individuals living in a CLA or CRS have transferred to in-home day supports.

DDS understands that the majority of these transitions were initiated out of health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic and were done quickly to mitigate exposure. However, while considered appropriate now, in-home supports may not be the best long-term option for the individual being supported. With this in mind, DDS has determined that **all transfers to in-home (CLA/CRS) day program made on or after July 31, 2020 will be considered temporary and subject to future review.**

As the state begins to administer and distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, it is anticipated that by the spring of 2021 many of the individuals we support and the staff that support them will have already received the vaccine. This significant step will provide teams with an opportunity to reevaluate community engagement and make an informed choice moving forward about appropriate day program options for the individual. Once the team is able to meet and review options, the case manager will inform the regional resource administration of its decision and the timeline for when, and if, the authorization should revert back to a community day program provider.

Though teams may modify or adjust current in-home supports at any time to best meet individualized support needs, teams will have until May 30, 2021 to review the day program transfer and determine the setting that best meets the individual's needs long-term. The review should include representatives from the day program

from which the individual had attended. **Resource administration will terminate all identified senior supports as of June 30, 2021 and reissue the previous community day program authorization unless previously notified by the individual's team to keep the current authorizations or the day provider no longer has the capacity to support the person.**

DDS has also developed a committee to create a reporting and oversight process to ensure DDS individuals are receiving a quality program and that the new, temporary in-home support programs meet the audit requirements of the waiver as a day service. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Thank you.