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To: DDS Qualified Providers

From: Scott McWilliams, Chief of Fiscal/Administrative Services

CC: Jordan A. Scheff, Commissioner, Peter Mason, Deputy Commissioner, Regional Directors, Private ARDs, Resource Administrators, ARC of CT, CT Community Nonprofit Alliance, Inc.

Date: June 27, 2018

RE: Day LON Transition and New Rates

As of July 1, 2018 all individuals receiving day supports will be either at their LON funding amount or a funding amount approved by the Utilization Resource Review Committee (URR). Over the last seven years, Providers and DDS have done a tremendous amount of work matching individual authorizations with the Day LON rates. This has included LON reviews, transportation audits, approval of enhanced staffing supports from the Utilization Resource Review (URR) and the realignment of funding allocations when it was appropriate. DDS appreciates the efforts of all those involved in this enormous task.

Going forward, DDS will be working on a reporting process to notify the Operation Center on a change in an individual's LON score. Until that process is in place, DDS will establish a bi-annual timeline to update and amend a person's LON amount.

As we enter FY2019, DDS has been working to provide more clarity in the awarding of enhanced staffing and to streamline the funding mechanism to reduce the number of increased allocations authorized through the one time process. In addition, DDS has developed a medical model DSO rate that increases the utilization factor for individuals with a LON_HealthMedical_SubDomain score of at least 6 and URR approved in order to allow for additional absences due to their medical condition.

The following new rates will be available as of July 1, 2018:

- A trip rate for transporting individuals to their day program
- A trip rate for an additional staff on the van (not a one to one)
- A trip rate for a one to one staff on the van
- A Group Day Direct Care LPN Enhancement Rate (Must be URR Approved)
- A Group Day Direct Care RN Enhancement Rate (Must be URR Approved)
- A DSO Medical Rate at 80% Utilization (Must have a LON_HealthMedical_SubDomain score of at least 6 to qualify and URR approved)