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During these uncertain economic times, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has had to reevaluate the services we provide to over 19,000 consumers in the State of Connecticut.

In the anticipation of the loss of almost 40 case managers through the Retirement Incentive Program, the department has decided it can no longer assign case managers to individuals who are not enrolled in the fee-for-service Medicaid Program or who reside in private Intermediate Care Facilities (in which the required role of a Qualified Mental Retardation Professional – “QMRP” - is already established and funded). This has been a difficult decision, however, the agency is required to continue essential support services to individuals for whom the state has a legal obligation, under state and federal law, to provide this support. Case managers must have manageable caseloads and have the time to support consumers while complying with all state and federal requirements.

All families and consumers who are affected by this change have been notified and given a contact number in the region so they may continue to access family support services and technical assistance.

The department is extremely cognizant of the effects any changes in supports to our consumers and especially to the case management system have on families. As the state moves through the budgetary process and the department has a better understanding of funding levels, we will reanalyze our services and determine the best way to serve as many individuals as possible.

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