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DDS Qualified Providers,

Subject: Discontinuation of AT ARPA Provider Notice of Opportunity and Updated Procedure for requesting AT ARPA grant funding to acquire Assistive Technology Devices, Products, and Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

The Department of Developmental Services Qualified Providers of Assistive Technology Services,

The Department of Developmental Services would like to inform qualified providers of an important update regarding the process of obtaining assistive technology devices for individuals with intellectual disability.

Effective immediately, the ARPA Assistive Technology Notice of Opportunity for acquiring assistive technology devices will be discontinued, and the online form link will no longer be active. Instead, a new streamlined process will be implemented. Moving forward, qualified providers must submit a one-time request to their regional resource managers to procure assistive technology devices, products, or services for individuals with intellectual disability.

There is an exception to this process. If any single item on the one-time request exceeds \$800, qualified providers should copy the DDS.AssistiveTechnology@ct.gov email inbox on the request in addition to the regional resource manager. These items are subject to additional review and will need approval from the Director of Assistive Technology.

It is important to note that the funds for these assistive technology devices will continue to be allocated from the ARPA AT funds. This transition aims to simplify the process and ensure a more efficient distribution of funds to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual disability effectively.

We believe this new process will streamline resource allocation and facilitate a quicker and more targeted provision of assistive technology devices to those in need. Your cooperation and adherence to this updated procedure are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding this updated procedure, please do not hesitate to email your regional resource manager or email dds.assistivetech@ct.gov.

Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual disability through the use of assistive technology.