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MEMORANDUM

To: Individuals and Families Who Receive Funded Services

From: Regional Directors

Date: January 15, 2013

Re: Budget Reductions Effective 12-1-12

As you are probably aware, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the State of Connecticut continues to face extraordinary financial challenges and we project those challenges to continue for the foreseeable future. The DDS has experienced significant reduction in the numbers of employees over the last couple years, and yet we are serving more people and have not stopped any services. The November 2012 rescissions included a number of reductions to the DDS budget. These reductions included approximately \$ 20.0 million dollars of cuts to the residential and day accounts over the remainder of the fiscal year. DDS has developed a reduction plan that minimizes the effects of the cuts to the supports provided to individuals with intellectual disabilities. As part of that plan the Department has had to make significant cuts in the budgets of our private provider agencies. Unfortunately, these mitigation strategies were not enough to offset the total reduction.

Some additional reductions were needed to be made that will impact individuals and families who hire and manage their own staff. DDS focused the reductions on state funded supports. Effective January 1, 2013, the state funded budget lines will be either reduced to the new cap of \$900.00 or a maximum reduction of \$300.00, whichever is less. In addition, the employee activity budget line will be either reduced to the new cap of \$400.00 or a maximum reduction of \$100.00, whichever is less.

The Department has made every effort to maintain the level of direct support to those who hire and manage their own support. These reductions do not impact the hours of support you or your family member receives.

At this point, Department of Developmental Services has to take every possible action to reduce its expenses in order to stay within its budget allocation and we understand that these changes may pose challenges. Your case manager will work with you to adjust your budget in order to optimize the supports you receive.

Please contact the appropriate Regional Director with questions.

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