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To: Purchase of Services Contracted Private Providers

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Subject: Private Provider Reimbursements

The purpose of this memo is to follow up the Department of Developmental Services's (DDS) April 29, 2020 memo on private provider reimbursements related to COVID-19. As the state of Connecticut continues its phased re-opening DDS is developing and will soon release its guidance on re-opening day and employment services. This plan will include a ramp up of utilization and provider reimbursement will be adjusted based upon the Department's utilization expectations.

However, since the ramp-up of utilization will not begin in June, DDS will continue with COVID-19 supplemental payments for August payments. Day and employment services will be paid at 85% of one-twelfth of annual authorizations. Residential services will be paid at 100% of one-twelfth of annual authorizations, but can submit one-time requests for COVID-19 related expenses. Please note payment and billing are separated while DDS is making COVID-19 supplemental payments, so providers should be submitting billing based only on services provided. Providers should enter all services provided for June billing in accordance with DDS guidance memos so the state can receive revenue for these services.

DDS expects providers accepting payments in the revised methodology will not lay off staff and will maintain staff salary and wages at existing levels. DDS will require providers to continue to enter attendance for the purpose of federal reimbursement. We will continue to provide guidance regarding existing timeframes for data entry.

As a reminder, DDS has set up a general inbox for any qualified providers that may have questions regarding this memo or any COVID-19 related planning efforts. Please use the following email for such communications: DDS.COVID19@ct.gov. Also, please continue to check back on our website for updated FAQs.