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TO: Private Providers

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SUBJECT: CCH Development Incentives

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has committed to expanding our continuum of supports for individuals eligible for our services. We have worked with many stakeholders on this issue, exploring opportunities to address gaps in our system. The administration and legislature have been supportive of these efforts, as evidenced through establishment of funding streams, such as those tied to the work of the Intellectual Disability Partnership.

As part of this initiative, the Department is looking to encourage expansion of the Community Companion Home (CCH) program. The Department is looking to expand the CCH program through new placements and development. Each region is being asked to place an additional 20 individuals into a CCH. The goal is that these 20 placements take place no later than September 30, 2018 (sooner, if possible, while still ensuring appropriate matches). In order to promote ongoing CCH development, the incentive given to providers to offset the cost of developing new CCH homes was increased as of March 1, 2018. Providers will receive \$3,000 with every new license and \$4,000 upon a placement of an individual into a newly developed CCH (\$7,000 total). DDS will also work with providers to accommodate homes that may require additional accessibility equipment or renovations.

We look forward to our continued partnership to ensure that individuals have a broad range of high quality supports available to meet their needs.