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FROM: Patrica Badland, Director of Office of Family Safety

SUBJECT: Impact of changes to the services provided by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities through Developmental Disabilities Waivers for children served by the Department of Children and Families

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information concerning changes to the services provided by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) through the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers to children served by the Department of Children and Families

Background: The 2007 legislature passed legislation directing APD to eliminate specific services from the HCBS waiver. The services to be eliminated are: Chore, Homemaker, Non-Residential Support Services (NRSS), Massage Therapy and Psychological Testing. Elimination of these services became effective on December 1st, 2007. Notifications of eliminations of services, as well as individuals F.S. 120 appeals rights, have already been sent out by the APD area offices to all impacted individuals. This would include the guardians on record for APD for children the department serves. A preliminary memo was circulated on July 27th, 2007 that has already provided information regarding these changes as well as instructions for obtaining a listing of children served in your respective circuits/regions who are to be impacted.

APD and DCF have updated data matching and identified a current listing of children served by the Department who will be impacted by the elimination of these services. In order to receive a copy of the current list of children to be impacted, please contact Frank Platt in the Family Safety Program Offices.

Following is the link to the APD webpage where the procedures being taken to complete the elimination of service are provided, as well as, template of the notification letter(s) that was sent by APD to all individuals impacted by this change in waiver services.

<http://apd.myflorida.com/waiver/docs/rate-reduction-service-elimination-procedure.pdf>

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Action Required: Please share this information with your CBC lead agency. *It is advised that CBC case managers who have a child on their caseload who is going to be impacted by a services elimination to contact the child's waiver support coordinator to explore other potential options for the coordination and delivery of services.* APD area offices are also available to assist with questions.

Contact Information: If you have any questions, please contact, or have your CBC contact, Frank Platt, Office of Family Safety, Frank_Platt@dcf.state.fl.us, 850-922-2860

Attachment

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