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**TO:** Regional Directors and Circuit Administrators

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**FROM:** Patricia Badland, Director of Office of Family Safety

**SUBJECT:** Impact of changes to the services provided by the Agency for persons with Disabilities through the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver to 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 through the Home and Community Based Services waiver to children served by the Department.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Please share this information with your CBC lead agency. APD area offices can assist with questions. Service reductions are to be implemented by August 1st. APD is still awaiting Center for Medicaid Services (federal) approval regarding services to be eliminated, but the plan is to eliminate the service categories within 30 days if federal approval is given. In order to receive a copy of the list of children and password please contact, or have your Community Based care Lead Agencies contact, Frank Platt in the Office of Family Safety (contact information below).

**BACKGROUND:** The 2007 Florida Legislature passed legislation directing the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to eliminate or modify services provided through several wavier programs. These changes apply to individuals receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services waiver. The changes do not apply to individuals receiving services through the Family and Supported Living wavier.

There is a listing of children served by the lead agencies in your region/circuit for whom changes will be effective August 1 as noted above. You will see from the listing which services will be reduced, or eliminated. This list was compiled by APD, by matching APD waiver services files against HomeSafenet records provided by the Office of Family Safety. Notification letters regarding services reductions and services eliminations have already been sent out by the APD area offices to the guardians of record. I an attaching a questions and answers document from APD concerning the services changes.

**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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