

interChange Provider Important Message

TO: All Autism Waiver Service Providers

RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 12: Waiver of Certain Requirements and Temporary Procedural Changes for Home and Community-Based Waiver Programs - UPDATE

Effective for dates of service on or after May 12, 2023, which is the first day after the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration ends, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is reinstating the following temporarily waived requirements for Autism waiver service providers.

Allowing the substitution of the staff providing Community Mentor, Life Skills Coach and Job Coach in a service plan to maximize use of available staffing will be discontinued as of May 12, 2023. The staff providing these services will no longer be considered interchangeable and will revert to their roles prior to the public Health Emergency. The substitutions that will no longer be allowed are:

A Life Skills Coach substituting for a Job Coach or Community Mentor

A Community Mentor substituting for a Life Skills Coach

A Job Coach substituting for a Community Mentor or Life Skills Coach