

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

As an interim measure in response to the Governor’s recent declaration of a public health emergency as the result of the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Department of Social Services (DSS) is temporarily waiving certain requirements for waiver service providers and adding service alternatives for dates of service from March 16, 2020 until DSS has notified providers in writing that the state has deemed COVID-19 no longer to be a public health emergency or DSS otherwise determines in writing that some or all of these specific measures are no longer needed to help protect the public health (the “Temporary Effective Period”).

Autism Waiver:

Allow substitution of the staff providing Community Mentor, Life Skills Coach and Job Coach in a service plan in order to maximize use of available staffing. The staff providing these services are interchangeable in the following ways in the service plan if needed to continue staffing the individual:

A Life skills Coach may substitute for a Job Coach or Community Mentor

A Community Mentor may substitute for a Life Skills Coach or a Job Coach

Job Coach may substitute for a Community Mentor or Life Skills Coach