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TO: Interested Parties

FM: Chris Santaniello, Division Director^{cs}

I want to take a moment to share with you important information related to the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that New Hampshire is under as it relates to the 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waivers through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The three 1915 (c) waivers under this CAP are: Developmental Services, Acquired Brain Disorder, and Children's In-Home Services.

The focus areas of the CAP are:

1. Conflict of Interest regarding the provision of case management and direct service delivery; and
2. Compliance with Direct Pay rules, which allow qualified Medicaid providers to bill directly to the State.

The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) has been working closely with CMS regarding compliance dates for the CAP, knowing that the initial date of January 1, 2019 would be problematic for the system. At the end of April 2018, the Department and CMS agreed on a date for full compliance, August 31, 2021. This date coincides with the renewal date of the Developmental Disability HCBS Waiver. While there is a lot of work to be done between now and August 2021, I am confident that collaboratively we will make strides with minimum disruption to those served by the HCBS Waivers.

The updated work plan is on the Department's website at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bds/documents/nhcaptimeline.pdf>.

Please be aware that this is an outline and does not include all the steps necessary to move this forward. At the upcoming Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting, which will be held on June 21st at 1pm in the Tom Fox Chapel, Main Building, Hugh J. Gallen State Office Park, 105 Pleasant Street, Concord, we will be reviewing the work plan and ways that people can become involved in the process.

The HCBS Waiver is an essential and critical component for the delivery of services to individuals with disabilities and their families; without it, we could not provide all that we do in this state. Compliance is critical for continuation of this funding stream. I am confident that by working together, we will achieve compliance and ultimately improve the array of services for those that we collectively serve.

Thank you.

cc: BDS Liaisons, BDS Management