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Dear Independent Living Skills Training Providers:

SUBJECT: Independent Living Skills Training (ILST) Provider Qualifications

The purpose of this letter is to reiterate to all agencies providing ILST services of the provider qualifications. ILST services are available to clients of the HCBS Brain Injury Waiver. ILST providers must meet one of the following criteria per 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.516.10:

> Providers shall be a health care professional with one year of experience in providing functionally based assessment and skills training of individuals with disabilities, or an individual with a bachelors degree and two years of similar experiences, or an individual with an AA degree in a social service or human relations area with 3 years of experience.

A health care professional is an individual with a health care license such as a registered nurse, physician or therapist. Furthermore, providers must be supervised on a monthly basis by a fully licensed or certified occupational therapist, registered nurse, physical therapist or speech therapist with experience in the field of brain injury rehabilitation. Applicable supervision criteria for these specialists are listed in their individual practice acts.

Personal care is the only waiver service for which a qualified family member may be reimbursed. The authority for this reimbursement is located at Section 26-4-684(3)(b), C.R.S. (2004) and further defined at 10 C.C.R. 2505-10, Section 8.515.20. Qualified family members may provide personal care services to a client if the client is not a minor child or spouse of the provider.

Please contact me at (303) 866-3728 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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