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TO: Stakeholders

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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION BRIEF- Update on CDASS implementation into HCBS-SLS

Purpose: To update all Stakeholders of the progress to implement Consumer Directed Attendant Supports and Services (CDASS) into the Home and Community Based Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) waiver.

Background: The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (the Department) is continuing to complete work to add the CDASS option of self-direction to the HCBS-SLS waiver. Once implemented, CDASS will allow Personal Care, Homemaker, and Enhanced Homemaker services to be self-directed as well as Health Maintenance. Health Maintenance can be utilized by individuals choosing the CDASS option and is outside of the Service Plan Authorization Limit (SPAL).

Action:

To date the Department has completed the following:

- The Medical Services Board approved the adoption of the new rules that incorporate CDASS into the HCBS-SLS waiver in May 2017.
- The Department received approval of the waiver amendment to add CDASS into the HCBS-SLS waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in April 2017.

The Department continues to work on the following items which must be completed before implementation of CDASS can take effect.

- Complete multiple system changes to incorporate CDASS into the HCBS-SLS waiver
- Conduct case management training to ensure that case managers understand how to support CDASS participants.

The Department is working diligently to complete all outstanding tasks and at this time is unable to give an anticipated date of implementation. Once the Department identifies the date of implementation, it will communicate this information by Communication Brief. If there are any questions or concerns please contact Katie McGuire, contact information below.





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