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MEMO

TO: DS Directors
FROM: Camille George, Director, DDSD 
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RE: Coordination of IFS and DDS

Following up on my initial memo of March 3 regarding the coordination of Integrated Family Services (IFS) and Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS), we have had questions from you as to whether young adults in Integrated Family Services (IFS) are required to transition to adult services/Equity Committee at the age 18 if they meet a funding priority for Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services (also referred to as the DS Waiver). We followed up with Melissa Bailey, IFS Director (who has recently left this position) for her input into this question. Below is our response:

If the local team believes that continuing to serve the individual age 18 or older, up to age 22, through IFS is the most appropriate way to serve them, and if the local IFS team has the resources to do so, the individual is not required to transition to adult DDS HCBS services/Equity Committee. We understand that depending on individual needs this could be a resource issue at some point in time. We leave the decision about the transition to adult services up to the discretion of the local team serving the young adult.

Please bear in mind that this guidance applies only to those regions where IFS has been implemented. In regions where IFS has not yet been implemented, DS agencies should follow the same procedures as they always have regarding individuals ages 0 – 21 with developmental disabilities in need of services and supports. In non-pilot regions, this includes exploring all resources, such as FFF, family managed respite, Bridge and other outside resources, prior to bring a proposal to Equity/Public Safety. Thank you again for your question. As IFS rolls out, there will undoubtedly be more questions like this which arise. We will do our best provide guidance as we go along.

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