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Dear Developmental Services Directors and DHRS providers,

I understand that some people with developmental disabilities attend adult day services and that adult day services are often paid by the designated agency (DA) from the person's waiver community support funds. DAIL continues to support people with developmental disabilities accessing necessary adult day services.

A question was recently brought to my attention regarding the payment procedures for adult day services; specifically whether people enrolled in the DS waiver may access adult day services using the Day Health Rehabilitation Services (DHRS) option available under Medicaid State Plan services.

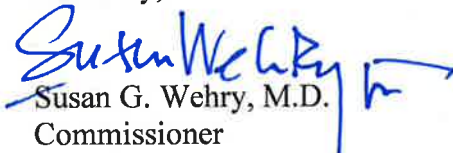
After careful consideration and consultation with staff within DAIL and across the Agency of Human Services, I am writing to inform you that DAIL considers the services provided under DHRS to be comparable to day habilitation services included in the DS waiver. People using DS waiver services should continue to access Adult Day services through their DA/SSA as a part of their plan of care. We intend to continue our current practice of allowing its community partners (DAs/SSAs) to arrange for adult day services for DS waiver enrollees, and have those services billed to and paid for by the DA/SSA from the person's waiver funds as part of the person's plan of care.

This decision fosters alignment with ongoing initiatives within the Agency as we move to more integrated models of care.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chris O'Neill, DDAS Disability Services Quality Management Team Leader at (802) 786-5048, or Paula Black, DDAS Aging Service Quality and Program Manager at (802) 871-3046.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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