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To: Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) Program  
Providers

Subject: Information Letter No. 2022-26  
Ending of COVID-19 Flexibilities for Renewal of ID/RC  
Assessments and for Renewal, Revised and Transfer IPCs for  
DBMD(Replaces IL 20-46 for DBMD only)

This information letter replaces the guidance for DBMD case managers and program providers as described in IL2020-46 - Renewal of ID/RC Assessments and IPCs and Requirements for Revised IPCs and Transfer IPCs issued to CLASS Case Management Agencies, CLASS Direct Services Agencies and DBMD Providers, previously released on October 29, 2020. Guidance for CLASS is addressed in Information Letter 2022-27 (Interim Guidance for CLASS, HCS and TxHmL (Replaces IL20-45, and Replaces IL2020-46 for CLASS only))

During the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), DBMD case managers and program providers were permitted to complete the following activities using telephone, telehealth or telemedicine:

- Renewal ID/RC assessments; and
- Renewal, revised and transfer IPCs.

This Information Letter provides advance notice to DBMD case managers and program providers that these activities must be conducted in person with the applicant after the COVID-19 PHE ends. The current flexibilities will remain in place through the end of the COVID-19 PHE. HHSC is notifying providers now so that they can prepare to resume in-person activities as soon as the COVID-19 PHE ends. HHSC will notify providers of the date when the COVID-19 PHE ends as soon as the federal government determines the end date.

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If you have any other questions about this IL, email the DBMD policy mailbox at [DBMDPolicy@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:DBMDPolicy@hhs.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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