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

Subject: Information Letter No. 2023-04 Individual Plan of Care (IPC) Updates to Add Individualized Skills and Socialization

Day habilitation will no longer be a Medicaid-billable service in the DBMD Program for dates of service beginning March 1, 2023, and ongoing. Day habilitation will be replaced with individualized skills and socialization, a new service that complies with the federal Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) settings regulations.

Procedure for an Individual Plan of Care (IPC) that includes day habilitation with an IPC effective date between April 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023:

An IPC that currently reflects a service authorization for day habilitation must be revised to ensure individuals gain access to the new individualized skills and socialization service.

Before March 1, 2023, The service planning team (SPT) must discuss the transition from day habilitation to individualized skills and socialization and revise the IPC in accordance with [42 TAC, §42.223\(d\)](#). **The IPC revision effective date must be March 1, 2023.** The SPT must allocate funds for day habilitation services that are delivered between the IPC period begin date and February 28, 2023. The SPT must allocate funds for individualized skills and socialization to be delivered starting March 1, 2023 and through the end of the IPC period.

Procedure for renewal IPCs with an IPC effective date beginning March 1, 2023 or later:

The SPT must discuss the new individualized skills and socialization service at the renewal SPT meeting and determine if there is an identified need to add the service to an individual's renewal IPC. The SPT must use Form 6500 and follow the annual IPC renewal process as outlined in [42 TAC, §42.223\(b\)](#).

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Sincerely,

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