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To: ODDS Partners and Providers
From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
Subject: Changes to Emergency Policies

Based on feedback from partners, the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has made changes to the [emergency crisis staffing policies](#) issued on Sept. 29, 2021.

The changes to the [policies](#) include:

- Clarification and strong notice about not violating the rights of any individuals during this crisis
- Removal of ability for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) to temporarily stay with a direct support professional or other worker
- Updated data entry instructions for case management entities (CMEs) when people temporarily move

These [emergency response resources](#) are to ensure people who currently live in residential settings continue to be able to do so. If an individual in services agrees to move into a different licensed home or family home for a short period of time, our goal is for them to return to their permanent home as soon as possible.

We also continue to emphasize that these policy options should be a last resort and even when these temporary emergency measures are implemented, there must be ongoing efforts by CMEs and providers to resolve or improve the situation.

Sincerely,



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