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To Personal Support Workers:

This message is notice that the Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) has amended its rule and issuing policy related to COVID-19 and independent providers, which includes Personal Support Workers (PSW).

The policy explains that if a PSW is diagnosed with, or is experiencing symptoms consistent with, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and knowingly engages in activities that may expose an individual to COVID-19, their provider number may be immediately inactivated and terminated.

Activities are:

- (1) For a PSW who lives with an individual, failure to take reasonable measures to prevent transmittal of COVID-19 as directed by a health care professional or the Local Public Health Authority.
- (2) For a PSW who does not live with an individual, having in-person contact with the individual.

If you are unable to work due to COVID-19, information about hardship leave for Personal Support Workers is available at:

<https://www.orphomecaretrust.org/hardship-pto/>

More information and details are in the rule, which is posted [online](#).

Thank you for helping to ensure health and safety during this time.