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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 28, 2010

TO:

Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DSS

Policy, Program & Development Unit

FROM:

Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson

State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE:

13 DE Reg. 1387 [DSS Child Care Services Authorization Regulation]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Services/Division of Social Services' (DSS) proposal to amend its regulation covering the authorization process for subsidized child care services published as 13 DE Reg. 1387 in the May 1, 2010 issue of the Register of Regulations. Council has the following observations.

First, the revisions represent an improvement over the current version since they use specific subparts which provide greater clarity and guidance to providers.

Second, SCPD endorses the proposed regulation subject to 2 grammatical revisions. First, in Par. 4, SCPD recommends substituting "initiating services" for "with your services". The regulation is written in the third person, not the second person. Second, in Par. 3, since there is a plural pronoun (their) with a singular antecedent (client), DSS could consider substituting "his/her" for "their" or substituting "DSS" for "their DSS worker".

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our observations or recommendations on the proposed regulation.

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