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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2012

TO: Ms. Sharon L. Summers, DSS
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FROM: Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 16 DE Reg. 379 [DSS Proposed TANF/Transitional Work Program Sanction Reg.]

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 regulations covering sanctions for non-compliance with the TANF or Transitional Work Program (TWP). The proposed regulation was published as 16 DE Reg. 379 in the October 1, 2012 issue of the Register of Regulations. The current regulation imposes restrictions on access to child care services for individuals working to cure a second or subsequent sanction. The Division proposes to repeal the specific restrictions which DSS acknowledges "have not been implemented operationally".

SCPD endorses the proposed regulation since the amendment offers some flexibility in access to child care for individuals working to cure second or subsequent sanctions. Access to child care is an important support enabling individuals to pursue employment or training.

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

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