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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 2020

TO: Ms. Alanna Mozeik, DPH
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FROM: Terri Hancharick – Chairperson *TH*
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: 24 DE Reg. 464 [DPH Proposed Regulation Regarding Communicable Diseases
(November 1, 2020)]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Division of Public Health's (DPHs) proposed regulation which clarifies that all novel coronavirus causing severe acute respiratory disease, including the 2019 novel coronavirus disease COVID-19, are considered notifiable and are required to be reported to the Division of Public Health in accordance with these regulations. The proposed regulation was published as 24 DE Reg. 464 in the November 1, 2020 issue of the Register of Regulations. SCPD has the following observations.

Like the emergency regulation at 434 in the November Register, this proposed regulation clarifies that all novel coronavirus causing severe acute respiratory disease, including the 2019 novel coronavirus disease COVID-19, are considered notifiable and are required to be reported to the Division of Public Health in accordance with these regulations. Other revisions include technical changes such as adjusting capitalization, modifying how similar terms are internally referenced, adjusting statutory citation formats, removing gender pronouns, striking the term "carrier," and clarifying that educational institutions include higher education institutions such as nursing schools, technical and community colleges, and universities. Yersiniosis was removed from the reportable diseases/conditions.

SCPD endorses DPH's action in clarifying that COVID-19 and other similar novel coronaviruses are rapid report notifiable diseases/conditions, since quick response to testing and follow-up contact tracing are such essential components to the State's COVID response.

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

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