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CLASS CPS Reopening Plan in the Green Phase

The following is regarding ODP Announcement 20-089 which provides guidance for Community Participation Support (CPS) providers on planning, policy development, and communication for reopening facility-based services in counties in the Green Phase.

In the months of June and July 2020, CLASS Day Program contacted all individuals and/or family members who were previously participating in its day program to gauge their interest in returning to program upon Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania. *For specific information regarding protocols for COVID-19, including physical/social distancing requirements, please request the CLASS COVID-19 Reopening Plan.*

Individuals wishing to return to day program will be prioritized initially on a first come, first served basis. Once program has reached capacity based on physical and social distancing guidelines, CLASS will work with individuals, families, and AE's in order to meet the needs of the individual previously being served.

Alternative methods of support could include, but are not limited to:

- Returning to program at a reduced capacity. (Limiting the amount of days)
- Offering CPS through tele-communication/remote methods in the providers home
- Providing alternative programs such as Community Habilitation through the Community Partners Program.

Should these methods of support not be a viable option; individuals will return to facility-based services based on the following criteria that will determine their priority needs:

- If the individual lives with family and if the family relies on CPS services to support the individual.
- If the individual has struggled, including with isolation, because the individual has been unable to receive facility-based services.
- If the individual has a high desire to return to facility-based services.

It is the responsibility of CLASS to notify the AE if CPS services will be reduced or suspended. The AE will then issue a letter to the individual that will include a description of the changes to services in the ISP and explain that when the current COVID-19 restrictions are fully lifted and all individuals can resume receiving CPS services as authorized in their ISPs prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, each individual will be able to have their facility-based CPS services restored if desired.

Additionally, as required by the limited conditions for service termination outlined in 55 Pa. Code § 6100.303, CLASS may not issue a termination notice to individuals who have expressed an unwillingness to resume CPS services during the COVID-19 pandemic due to health concerns.

This policy is subject to change based on future changes to CPS guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the Office of Developmental Programs.

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