

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SUPPORTS DIVISION (DDSD)

DIRECTOR'S RELEASE (DR)

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 21, 2010

Signature Date:	1/6/2011
FROM:	<i>Signature on file</i> _____ Mikki Rogers, DDSD Director
TO:	All DD Waiver Providers, Case Managers, DDSD Staff and DHI Management
SUBJECT:	Temporary modifications to the DDSD Policy: Accreditation of Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Funded Providers with an identified expiration date.

I. SUMMARY:

Effective December 21, 2010 this Director's Release temporarily amends the policy, Accreditation of Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Funded Providers, Section B. 2.f., to extend to providers in good standing the opportunity to request an exemption from the current accreditation requirement. The exemption will be extended to cover providers with an accreditation of one three-year CARF term or the equivalent accreditation status from the Council. The exemption, if granted, will remain in effect for the remainder of the term of the current provider agreement.

II. SPECIFIC SECTION OF THE REQUIREMENT AFFECTED BY THIS RELEASE:

Accreditation of Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Funded Providers, Section B. 2.f.

III. Requirement Amendment(s) or Clarifications

Accreditation of Developmental Disabilities Supports Division Funded Providers, Section B.2.f., will be amended to read: Agencies that have been accredited for at least one three-year term.

In order to reduce the impact of recent rate reductions, the Division is temporarily modifying the accreditation policy to eliminate the need for providers to secure two consecutive three-year terms of accreditation before receiving an exemption from the accreditation requirement. Providers may apply for an exemption based on one three-year term of accreditation by CARF or the equivalent accreditation status from the Council.

The request for an exemption under this modification to the policy may be made on or after December 21, 2010 and will remain in effect for the remainder of the term of the

current provider agreement. Providers with an exemption already in place do not need to take any action at this time.

DDSD may refuse to exempt a provider and may rescind an exemption and require accreditation when the provider is no longer in good standing, or there is reason to believe that an exemption would jeopardize the health or safety of individuals served by the provider.

Providers are reminded that the policy already allows a waiver of accreditation when a provider has few or no clients, and/or receives funding from the Division's programs amounting to an annual sum in the prior year of less than \$100,000 dollars.

IV. Notification Provisions

N/A

V. Training Requirements

N/A

VI. Disposition

This Director's Release will be in effect until December 31, 2011, unless redacted by the Division Director prior to that date.