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MEMORANDUM

TO: DDA Stakeholders

FROM: Bernard Simons
Deputy Secretary
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DATE: June 28, 2018

SUBJECT: Community Pathways Waiver Announcement

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is pleased to announce that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Community Pathways Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver renewal application on June 27, 2018. The renewal application reflects informal and formal feedback from various stakeholders over the past several years.

The renewal application includes:

- Innovative service options aimed at providing supports that build on the DDA's Community of Practice related to Employment and Supporting Families;
- Participant and family self-direction opportunities;
- New opportunities for participants to work toward self-determination, independent living, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all facets of community life across their lifespans; and
- Updates to service descriptions, requirements, and provider qualifications.

The DDA will be sharing additional information and guidance related to the renewal including the implementation of new or transitioning services.