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Dear I/DD Waiver Participants/Families/Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to tell you about two changes in services that are provided in licensed and certified homes such as Adult Foster Homes (AFH), DD Domiciliary (DD Dom) homes, Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes (E-ARCH) and Therapeutic Living Program (TLP) homes. It will have very little effect on how services in these homes are being provided.

1. With the new Medicaid Waiver, the services provided in licensed and certified homes are now called Residential Habilitation (ResHab) Services. This is a daily service that every Waiver participant living in these homes will receive. This change does not affect your placement in the home where you live.

If you currently receive Personal Assistance/Habilitation (PAB) services in the certified or licensed home where you live, your hourly PAB service will be changed to the daily ResHab service. If you are not currently receiving PAB in the certified or licensed home, ResHab will be authorized because of the supports you receive in the home.

For each participant, the change from PAB to ResHab will happen at a different time during the year because the change will be made through the participant's annual Individualized Service Plan (ISP).

Here is some information that you need to know:

## ResHab tiers:

There are 3 different "tiers" of ResHab. Prior to your ISP, you will be scheduled for a Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) assessment. The SIS assessment will determine the ResHab tier you will receive.

For participants who are now receiving PAB services in a licensed or certified setting: Your hourly PAB services will be changed to the daily ResHab service at your annual ISP, following the goals and action plan identified in your ISP. For participants who are not currently receiving any PAB services in a licensed or certified home:

At your annual ISP, you and your case manager will talk about the goals in your action plan and add goals for the services you receive through the licensed or certifed home. A new service, ResHab, will be authorized through your annual ISP.

2. There is a new service, Community Learning Services (CLS), that is available if you choose to do activities in the community that are different from the types of household activities you do with the family and staff at your home. At your annual ISP, based on your goals you identify in your ISP, you can choose to receive CLS to support you in the community.

Here is some information you need to know:

- CLS is only provided outside your home to support you in the community to do activities identified in your ISP. You choose your CLS staff but it cannot be someone who lives in the same home as you do.
- You can receive CLS in addition to your ResHab services. CLS and ResHab are two different services with different purposes.

It is important for you to know that these changes will not interrupt services you receive.

Please email any questions you have to <a href="mailto:DOH.dddcmb@doh.hawaii.gov">DOH.dddcmb@doh.hawaii.gov</a> or contact your case manager.

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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