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TO: Medicaid I/DD Waiver Providers

FROM: Mary Brogan, Administrator

**Developmental Disabilities Division** 

SUBJECT: Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) Services Reopening Guidance

The purpose of this memorandum and the attached is to provide DDD Services Reopening Guidance, with a special focus on group day services.

The State of Hawaii continues efforts to turn the curve to abate the spread of COVID-19 largely through safe practices in communities. As community conditions improve, and the counties have developed guidelines that move toward fewer restrictions, DDD has aligned its guidance with anticipated reopening frameworks while also ensuring the special considerations for a) the population we serve, and b) the readiness for each agency and setting to provide services safely.

We have aligned this DDD Services Reopening Guidance with previously released DDD guidelines and requirements. The guidance, which is attached, provides general and service-specific guidance, as well as requirements that must be met **prior to** reopening/resuming group day services. Because conditions on each island differ, and not all agencies have an accepted Self-Assessment in place, timing of reopenings may not be the same.

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The following is a summary of the requirements which are expanded on in the attached Guidance. All services provided in community and center-based settings are required to:

✓ **Requirement 1:** Have a DDD-<u>accepted</u> Provider Self-Assessment

✓ Requirement 2: Assess Health and Risk Criteria for each setting and

participant, in partnership with DDD Case Managers

✓ Requirement 3: Integrate safe practices into services and settings as reflected

in CDC and State guidance

Please review the DDD Services Reopening Guidance carefully. We also have this as an item on the agenda for the Wavier Provider Updates session scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. We hope you will be able to attend the meeting and bring any questions you may have.

Thank you for your hard work during these challenging times. For questions, please contact the Community Resources Branch at (808) 733-2135.

## Attachment

c: Jon Fujii, DHS-MQD DDD Management Team