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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Developmental Disabilities Division Waiver Respite Providers

FROM: Joe Simpson, Deputy Administrator, Developmental Disabilities Division

SUBJECT: State Respite Provider shortage

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With the growing waiting list, the Developmental Disabilities Division (Division) is hearing about many families in search of state respite providers. We also are experiencing a shortage of state respite providers.

The Division will now allow organizations that provide waiver respite services to apply to become a state respite provider. The organization shall continue to abide by the waiver respite rules, meeting each child's supervision/support needs, limiting the total number of children supervised by any one staff to no more than 3 children (waiver and non-waiver) and not providing services to children and adults at the same time.

The reimbursement for state respite is \$8.00 per hour and state respite hours allowed are re-figured every quarter. This current quarter allows up to 50 hours of state respite per child per month.

Organizations that would like to provide state respite must complete the application form that is posted on the DDD website: <http://health.wyo.gov/ddd/respitcare/index.html>.

The background checks requirement will be waived, as long as all employees providing this service have passed the background check as part of the organization's hiring process. Organizations will be required to collect a co-pay from the child's parents/guardians, if applicable.

If your organization wishes to become a state respite provider, please contact Tammy Edlefsen, Participant Support Specialist, at 307-777-3443 or tammy.edlefsen@health.wyo.gov.

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