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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2012

TO: Child Developmental Disabilities Waiver Participants ages 18-21, Guardians and Case Managers

FROM: *J.S.* Joe Simpson, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, Developmental Disabilities Section

SUBJECT: Starting Date for Transitioning to the Adult DD Waiver

REF #: JS-2012-002

The Behavioral Health Division (Division) amended the Child Developmental Disabilities (DD) waiver in July 2010 to allow a participant turning 21 years of age to remain on the waiver through the end of the month in which s/he turns 21. As of February 1, 2012, all eligible Child DD Waiver participants transitioning to the Adult DD Waiver when they turn 21 shall do so on the first day of the month following the month he/she turns 21. For example, if a child waiver participant turns 21 on February 5, 2012, he/she will be transitioned to the adult DD waiver on March 1, 2012. For the remaining part of February, this participant remains on the Child DD Waiver and is not able to receive Adult DD Waiver Services until March 1, with an approved plan of care. The case manager may have to submit a short plan of care to cover the remaining days on the child waiver. Participant Support Specialists can offer technical assistance on this process if requested.

As a reminder, Child DD Waiver participants, who apply and are found eligible for the Adult DD waiver, transition to the Adult DD Waiver without going on the Adult DD waiting list. These participants are given priority over those on the Adult DD Waiting list to maintain continuity of service. The participant's case manager must submit a plan of care to the Division for approval thirty (30) days prior to the first of the month following the participant's 21st birthday, so there is no gap in waiver services as the participant transitions from the Child DD Waiver to the Adult DD Waiver.

Case managers need to share this memorandum with child waiver participants and families. For questions regarding this policy, please contact the Participant Support Manager, Beverly Swistowicz at 6101 Yellowstone Road, Suite 220, Cheyenne, WY 82002 or by phone at (307)777-3321.