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CPWD to Close Home Health Program

NOTICE: Center for People with Disabilities (CPWD) is voluntarily terminating its Medicare and Medicaid Certified Home Health Care services. CPWD is planning to cease Home Health Care operations by 10/26/2021.

In the 1980s, when home health services for people with disabilities were rare or not available, CPWD began offering in-home skilled and unskilled nursing care to demonstrate that an alternative to institutionalization is possible by providing services in the community setting. For decades our services were needed, but more recently, costs went up, competition with for-profit home health agencies increased, and it became harder to manage the business side of the program.

Over the past several years, we have been losing money offering these services. In an effort to curb losses, we have hired consultants, implemented electronic health records, worked with different staffing and recruiting companies, sought out grants and supports and initiated various marketing campaigns. Even so, due to costs, competition staffing challenges, and complexities brought on by COVID-19, we have been unable to return our Home Health program to solvency. After much consideration, we finally concluded that it no longer makes sense for CPWD to lose money providing these services when, today, there are several high quality in-home nursing care providers who are also supporters of Independent Living.

While this has been a sad and challenging decision that has taken years to arrive at, what's most important to us right now is the smooth and effective transition of our existing consumers to new providers who understand Independent Living.

We are actively making appropriate connections in our community network, and will assist everyone to successfully transition by October 26, 2021.

While we will no longer be providing Home Health services, all of our Independent Living services, including Peer Groups and Independent Living Skills Training, and others, are available to our former Home Health consumers.

As we make this transition, we look forward to increasing our efforts in bringing Independent Living services to all people with any disability in the communities we serve. Over the past several years, we have seen increasing demand for services from veterans with disabilities, youth with disabilities, immigrant and mono-lingual minority populations with disabilities, people with disabilities seeking employment and people with disabilities seeking to transition out of nursing homes and into their own home. We intend to strengthen our work in these areas and adapt to the current needs of our greater disability community.

In addition, in the wake of the recent violent racism and division, and as a community of people who have suffered marginalization and discrimination, we are committed to bringing the values of diversity, equality, equity and inclusion to our work and our culture.

Thank you for being one of our friends, partners or collaborators. We appreciate our relationship with you and the collective work we do to make our community accessible and inclusive of all. For those of you who we have not yet met or worked with, we look forward to the day when we can learn more about you, and perhaps connect and support each other in our missions.

Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions about our Home Health closure or any of our current programs or initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria', is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

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