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TO: Healthcare Providers of the District of Columbia's Medicaid Program

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SUBJECT: Suspension of the Waiting List for Services under the Home & Community Based Waiver for the Elderly & Persons with Physical Disabilities (EPD)

The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is pleased to announce the suspension of the EPD waiting list as of March 1, 2014. The waiting list was established through DHCF Transmittal No. 11-24 on August 17, 2011 as a response to indications that the EPD Waiver program was at risk of exceeding the enrollment capacity. Since the inception of the EPD waiting list, DHCF has developed internal processes designed to track and trend enrollment information. The improved processes are expected to provide reliable enrollment information.

Additionally, DHCF has expanded relations with the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC), an administration under the Department of Aging to include initiating the EPD Waiver enrollment process. As you know, over the past year the ADRC has played an important role as a liaison for individuals leaving the waiting list and moving to be screened for potential enrollment into the EPD Waiver. Moving forward, DHCF will continue partnership with ADRC expanding practices to include tracking and trending referrals for enrollment into the EPD Waiver. To this end, effective immediately, the ADRC is the portal to accessing the District's EPD Waiver.

Please note that this transmittal does not constitute any other change in accessing EPD Waiver services other than the suspension of the EPD Waiver waiting list and the delegation of ADRC as gatekeepers for accessing the EPD Waiver.

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