MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 2020

TO: Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers
    Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Support Coordinators

FROM: Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary
      Sherlyn Sullivan, OAAS Interim Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Bulk Purchasing of Grocery Items for Participants

In order to assist with limiting the amount of in-person contact outside of the home, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) and Office of Aging and Adult Services (OAAS) recommend that providers serving program participants make grocery purchases in bulk and in quantities adequate to supply participant meals and snacks for a one to two week period.

It has come to the attention of LDH that some grocery store establishments are refusing to allow bulk and/or quantity purchasing. We are enclosing the attached letter that can be provided at grocery store establishments to allow purchase of bulk items and restricted items in multiples.

c: OAAS Regional Offices
    Medicaid Program Support and Waivers
    Statistical Resources Inc.
    Conduent
    Local Governing Entities