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Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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To: OCDD ADC Providers
Support Coordination Agencies
Local Governing Entities

From: Paul Rhorer, OCDD Waiver Director

Subject: Conversion of NOW and ROW Day Habilitation/Vocational hours to In-Home Supports

All Day Habilitation/Vocational programs were required to close due to the recent COVID-19 crisis. As a result, individuals who normally attended Day Habilitation/Vocational programs no longer have access to this daily support.

Effective 3/16/2020, OCDD has instructed SRI to convert all unused hours for Day Habilitation/Vocational Programs to NOW Individual and Family Support (IFS) or ROW Community Living Supports (CLS). The hours budgeted for Day Habilitation/Vocational Services will be transferred to IFS or CLS as appropriate.

The hours should be utilized **ONLY** for the scheduled hours at the Day Habilitation/Vocational program. If an individual is scheduled to attend day habilitation from 8:00am – 3:00pm, and requires additional in-home supports due to the closure of the program, then the in-home provider will be able to provide supports during those hours. The additional hours **are not intended** to augment any other schedule.

The transportation PA will be converted to IFS units. We did an analysis on the average time for transportation, and the IFS provider will be PA'd 6 units daily for this costs.

If an individual has no in-home provider or more than one in-home provider, the Day Habilitation/Vocational hours will not be converted until the Support Coordination Agency identifies the in-home provider who will provide the additional supports. This will require a revision by the Support Coordination Agency.

OCDD will be working with SRI to continue the conversion of hours as the emergency progresses and Day Habilitation/Vocational programs remain closed.