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Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Self-Direction Employers
Local Governing Entities
Support Coordination Agencies
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SUBJECT: Clarification on 16 Hour Rule

The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) has relaxed the 16 hour rule. If an individuals' Plan of Care calls for **more than 16 hours of personal care within a 24 hour period**, then that employee may work over 16 hours and not be penalized. This exception **does not allow** for hours to be added to an individuals' Plan of Care. There has been some confusion among some individuals in the Self Direction program. It must be stressed that Self Direction staff may not work more than the 16 hours if it is not approved in the Plan of Care.

If you have any questions about this, please let us know. OCDD-HCBS@la.gov