



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 27, 2020

TO: Support Coordination Agencies
Local Governing Entities

FROM: Julie Foster Hagan, OCDD Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: Clarifications on Temporary Changes to Children's Choice Waiver

Effective the week of March 16th, 2020, the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) has authorized the release of an additional 20 hours per week for individuals in the Children's Choice Waiver. The additional 20 hours is only for the time that the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration is in place. Typically, the Children's Choice Waiver allows for 20 hours a week to be used for personal care services as long as no other services are used. Due to all schools being closed, OCDD has added an additional 20 hours a week so that families can use the additional 20 hours of assistance if needed. If anyone has exceeded their cap, they will still get the additional 20 hours per week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact OCDD-HCBS@la.gov.