



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

MEMORANDUM

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DATE: July 23, 2020

TO: Local Governing Entities
Support Coordination Agencies

FROM: Paul Rhorer, OCDD Program Manager 4

SUBJECT: Self-Direction Enrollment

Individuals are only being allowed in self-direction at this time if there is an **extraordinary justification** that the person requires the self-direction option. This can include the provider not being able to locate staff, an inability to find staff that are capable of working with behavioral/medical conditions, or any other area that may compromise the health and safety of the individual. The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) Central Office will inform Support Coordination agencies and the Fiscal agents of the directive. If the Local Governing Entities (LGE) believes that the self-direction option is best for the individual, please forward the request to Paul Rhorer (paul.rhorer@la.gov) at the OCDD Central Office.

There are approximately 20 individuals with Acumen, and 6 individuals with Morning Sun that are in the process of receiving approval for self-direction. Those individuals are allowed to continue the process. Any new applications for self-direction are not to be approved until the LGE and State office have reviewed the application.

We will review this directive again at the end of September 2020.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Rhorer.

CC: Acumen
Morning Sun