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TO: Participants on Self-Direction

SUBJECT: Age Criteria for CSWs

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The Division of Medicaid has identified the need to define criteria for the Consumer-Directed Services program (Self-Direction) regarding the age of employable community support workers (CSWs) to ensure safe and effective environments, as well as the health and safety of participants. (IDAPA 16.03.13.160.02.c and IDAPA 16.03.13.200)

Please review the CSW age criteria below:

- Age Criteria for CSWs
- CSWs age 17 and above may provide supervision, direct services and chore type activities
 - CSWs under 17 years may provide chore type activities only

Participants who currently have a CSW who does not meet the criteria set forth above should make arrangements to employ alternate workers by September 1, 2015.

If a participant currently employs a CSW that doesn't meet the criteria above, the participant and their person-centered planning (PCP) team are responsible for ensuring the participant's health and safety if that CSW continues to provide care while arrangements are made to employ an alternate worker by September 1, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015, a participant must not sign off on a CSW's timesheet if that CSW doesn't meet the criteria set forth above.

If you have questions regarding this notice please contact your Regional Care Manager.

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