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## MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS

FROM: Jessica Bax, Director

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 – Programmatic Flexibilities Update

Last week Governor Parsons extended the State of Emergency Declaration until December 30, 2020. This extension allows all flexibilities released in the COVID-19 guidance to continue at this time. Please continue to use professional judgement and current staff capacity to decide what programmatic flexibilities may be necessary in order to ensure participant welfare.

The Division of Senior and Disability (DSDS) in collaboration with Mo HealthNet Division (MHD) will continue to monitor the need of flexibilities or any concerns associated with guidance. If guidance is changed prior to December 30th, memorandums will be sent outlining the changes. A transition period will be allotted for changes that will require action before returning to normal.

Questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Long Term Services and Supports (BLTSS) via e-mail at LTSS@health.mo.gov.

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