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MEMORANDUM FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS

FROM: Melanie Highland, Director
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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Home and Community Based Services Flexibilities Reinstated

Effective immediately, all COVID-19 statutory and regulatory state flexibilities pertaining to HCBS authorized by DSDS are temporarily reinstated. A full list of flexibilities have been outlined in the [COVID Flexibility Authority Chart](#).

While the State of Emergency in Missouri concluded December 31, 2021, DSDS is working closely with state partners, stakeholders, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to review the discontinuation of each flexibility. Therefore, all flexibilities in place on December 31, 2021 shall continue temporarily until further guidance is released. We appreciate your patience and thank you for your continued partnership in delivering vital services to Missourians.

Questions regarding this memorandum and COVID flexibilities should be sent to the Bureau of Long Term Services and Supports at LTSS@health.mo.gov. Please do not contact the HCBS Intake or Person Centered Care Planning lines with questions; these lines are reserved for participants and families submitting new referrals for HCBS or requesting adjustments to plans of care.

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