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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED CARE PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: Emergency Planning for Home Care Recipients

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has developed emergency planning materials specific to persons receiving home care services. Planning ahead for emergencies is especially critical for individuals who need assistance with activities of daily living. Providers and vendors of home and community based services are in an ideal position to educate their staff and provide home care recipients with the tools necessary to be prepared for a disaster.

The DHSS Center for Emergency Response and Terrorism (CERT) is mailing copies of these materials to all active providers and vendors. All information included in the packet may also be viewed at http://www.dhss.mo.gov/Ready_in_3/HomeHealthcareServices.html. The packet and the website also include information for ordering multiple copies to provide to your staff and home care recipients. Providers and vendors are encouraged to assist their clients and consumers in being prepared for emergencies. Assisting individuals with their emergency planning needs will not obligate the provider or vendor to provide any assistance beyond that required of all entities that have a participation agreement with DHSS.

CERT staff are available to provide in-service training for provider and vendor staff. If you are interested in obtaining a speaker or would like additional information about emergency planning, please contact Laura Kliethermes, Public Information Coordinator, at 573/526-0447 or via email at Laura.Kliethermes@dhss.mo.gov.

Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Rita Summers, Disaster Operations Manager for DSDS, at 573/526-8560 or via email at Rita.Summers@dhss.mo.gov.

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