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Subject: OPWDD COVID-19 Update

Good evening,

Once again, the meeting was mostly a review of the recently released Interim guidance, some still pending. The Day Hab Retainer days Webinar is tomorrow at 2 PM, so the providers will await that presentation and held most pending questions.

The Guidance reviewed included the Hospital Visitation DOH Advisory. We were asked if there was any push back from the hospitals if an individual need a support person and was denied. Please let us know if this has been the case.

Other concerns were raised about treatment in the hospitals, included necessary trips to the ED when COVID 19 was not the reason; a Hospital Triage Policy is being developed.

Questions from the families arose about the ability of a resident stay to be on an extended stay home visits due to the virus and still maintain their placement. Parents were assured that that still is the case.

PPEs for families and others in Self Direction was brought to the discussion. There was no resolution reached due to the difficulty in sourcing the supplies for everyone.

Other topic areas:

Data: OPW will be 'cleaning up' the data and have a deeper review on Friday's call.

Base Year in 2020: the topic has not been on their radar; OPW knows it's a concern, but they deferred the question.

Self-Directed Com Hab: more guidance coming; it was asked for sooner rather than later.

"Understood."

I will be sending out some information about PPEs tomorrow morning. We are discussing some sourcing of them at no cost.