

Hello all CCO and OPWDD Willowbrook Liaisons –

We would like to inform you and ask that you please relay the following information to all Care Manager Supervisors and Care Managers who have Willowbrook class members on their caseload, as the following is effective immediately.

On, July 10, 2020 Revised July 16, 2020 OPWDD issued Interim Guidance Regarding the Reopening of Day Services Certified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities. This guidance document can be found on the OPWDD website at the following link:

https://opwdd.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/07/reopening-day-programs_revised_7.16.20.pdf

The Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) and Plaintiff's Attorneys have notified OPWDD Central Office that at this time they are objecting to all class members, that they fully represent, returning to site based day programs/pre-voc. Per the above referenced guidance, before opening, agencies are required to submit a safety plan for reopening to OPWDD Division of Quality Improvement (DQI). OPWDD Central Office will be working directly with CAB and Plaintiff's Attorneys to provide them with the applicable reopening safety plans for their review. CAB and Plaintiff's Attorneys will review the plans and have communication with the class members and families, as appropriate and provide approval for the individual to return to his/her day programming. Care Managers must work closely with the CAB local representatives and the rest of the individuals care planning team to have all necessary discussions about individuals supported and their specific health and safety needs to support his/her return to day programming.

At this time there have been no approvals received and no class members, whom are fully represented by CAB, should be returning to his/her day program until that approval is received by CAB. This information will also be relayed by OPWDD leadership to Provider Associations as well.

Thank you for promptly relaying this message. Have a wonderful day,

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