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MEMORANDUM

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To: Home and Community Based Waiver Providers

From: Cliff Mikesell, Administrator, Developmental Disabilities Division

Wyoming Department of Health

Subject: Criteria for Out of Home Placements effective 7/1/09

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Developmental Disability waiver participants, who are not receiving 24-hour residential services but are at significant risk due to extraordinary needs that cannot be met in current living arrangement, may request Residential Habilitation services if the participant meets one of the following targeting criteria:

A substantial threat to a person's life or health caused by homelessness or abuse/neglect that is either corroborated by Department of Family Services or Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc.
➤ Note: Homelessness is defined by the death or incapacitation of the person's primary caregiver that results in homelessness or inability to live safely in the home. Situations that would not qualify include living in an jail, institution, nursing home, or residential facility or family members who no longer wish to be

responsible.

- Situations where the person's condition poses a substantial threat to a person's life or health, and is documented that waiver residential services are least restrictive, most appropriate solution.
- Situations where a person has caused serious physical harm to him or herself or someone else in the home, or the person's condition presents a substantial risk of physical threat to him or herself or others in the home.
- Situations where there are significant and frequently occurring behavior challenges resulting in danger to the person's health and safety, or the health and safety of others in the home.
- Situations where the person's critical medical condition requires ongoing 24-hour support and supervision to maintain the person's health and safety.
- Loss of primary caregiver due to caregiver's death, incapacitation, critical medical condition, or inability to provide continuous care.

The Case Manager should make the request in writing. The request must identify the specific targeting criteria, a thorough description of the situation, and what resources are currently being used. Please send

your request to Beverly Swistowicz for the Children's DD or Acquired Brain Injury Waiver or to Jamie Staunton for the Adult Waiver.

The Waiver Manager will review the request to see if the situation may meet the targeting criteria. If so, the Waiver Manager will begin gathering further information and requesting assistance from professionals outside the DD system. The Division reserves the right to request Department of Family Services (DFS) conduct a review of the home situation. For children, an out of home placement will not be considered without significant involvement from DFS.

Some examples that would not qualify:

- Participant does not wish to remain in the family home
- Individual is being released from jail and has no place to live
- Parent cannot control the child and wishes alternative placement

Same examples that may qualify

- Elderly parent has a stroke, cannot continue to care for an adult with total needs and there is no other family member available
- DFS has corroborated risk factors of abuse/neglect

Please contact the Division at (307) 777-7115 or (800) 510-0280 if you have further questions regarding the criteria for out of home placements.