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Dear Provider,

In meeting the guidelines for the new Centers For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Setting Rule for Medicaid, the Department of Community Health (DCH) must evaluate provider sites to determine compliance with requirements around person-centered service delivery; access to the community; and options for individual choice in service type, provider and site. To accomplish this DCH has developed a provider Self-Assessment Tool for residential and non-residential service settings. Completion of the survey tool is mandatory in order to comply with the CMS Rule and remain a provider in good standing with DCH.

Since Person Centered Planning is a major component of the CMS Rule, the assessment tool is designed to identify the following requirements:

- Does the residential/nonresidential provider support the individual receiving services to be fully included in the community, part of the community, and have full access to the greater community?
- Was the individual given a choice of providers and services?
- Does the provider ensure individual privacy, dignity, respect?
- Does the provider honor and respect individuals' daily choices?

The response from the survey will assist DCH in determining the State's compliance level and provide a baseline for development of future training. Please know that Provider responses will be validated through a random sampling to be administered by case managers/support coordinators/care coordinators. If the response to the question is "Not yet" or "No", please indicate in the comment section a brief explanation and where appropriate the remedy to correct. DCH will follow up with providers to provide guidance on corrective actions.

The assessment tool must be completed in its entirety and submitted to DCH by the designated timeline. Additional instructions have been included with the Assessment Tool. If you have any questions or need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact Brian Dowd, Program Director Waiver Programs at bdowd@dch.ga.gov or 404-651-6889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcey Alter".

Marcey Alter
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