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Community Living disABILITY Services Transportation Providers and Service Providers

Dear Service Provider:

Thank you for your patience as we continue developing our plan to safely support vulnerable adults during this challenging time.

In consultation with the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Community Living disABILITY Services (CLDS) has decided to limit day services activities to certain groups of individuals in critical need of day services. This means day services will continue **only** for:

- individuals living with family members who are at risk of losing employment if day services are not provided and do not have other daytime options;
- individuals supported by home share providers who are unable to provide care during daytime hours, and where other arrangements are not possible; and
- individuals who cannot be safely supported in their residence during daytime hours.

Given this decision, CLDS will only fund transportation for individuals assessed as having a critical need for day services. The program will not fund transportation for non-critical day services, and will not compensate providers for services that have not been rendered.

To promote safe social distancing, CLDS will also suspend funding for agency bus passes used by staff to provide non-critical day services. This change will take effect immediately, until further notice.

CLDS will continue to fund transportation for individuals in critical need of day services and bus passes for individuals who need transportation to perform critical activities of daily living (e.g., attending dental or medical appointments, grocery shopping or banking).

More information regarding funding adjustments will be shared with those agencies that provide their own transportation to and from day services and use their vehicles for other purposes throughout the day.

Please be assured that we are aware of the challenges these decisions present to you and your employees. Thank you for the valuable service you provide to vulnerable adults, and for your understanding and cooperation as we respond in this difficult time.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact your Program Manager.

Please visit www.manitoba.ca/covid19 for current information on COVID-19 prevention and health and safety measures. CLDS will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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