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Dear Consumers, Families, and Service Providers,

On February 12, the Department of Developmental Services ("DDS") issued a [Directive](#) to Regional Centers to contact people age 65 and older to determine their vaccination status and assist them to obtain vaccination when needed. Also on February 12, the Governor announced that beginning March 15, 2021, new groups of people would be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination. Included in the list are people with developmental disabilities, as follows:

- Individuals ages 16 through 64 who are deemed by the clinical judgment of their health care provider to be at the very highest risk for morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 as a direct result of one or more of the following severe health conditions:
  - **Cancer**, current with debilitated or immunocompromised state
  - **Chronic kidney disease**, stage 4 or above
  - **Chronic pulmonary disease**, oxygen dependent
  - **Down syndrome**
  - **Immunocompromised state** (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
  - **Pregnancy**
  - **Sickle cell disease**
  - **Heart conditions**, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies (excludes hypertension)
  - **Severe obesity** (Body Mass Index  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - **Type 2 diabetes mellitus** with hemoglobin A1c level greater than 7.5%

OR

- If as a result of a developmental or other severe high-risk disability, one or more of the following applies:
- The individual is likely to develop severe life-threatening illness or death from COVID 19 infection



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- Acquiring COVID-19 will limit the individual's ability to receive ongoing care or services vital to their well-being and survival
- Providing adequate and timely COVID-19 care will be particularly challenging as a result of the individual's disability

DDS will issue a future Directive to Regional Centers to contact consumers, and/or their families or conservators, to provide information and offer assistance in obtaining vaccination. We hope this information provides additional clarity for everyone's vaccination efforts.

Click [here](#) to view the DDS Directive or click [here](#) to visit the DDS website.