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Happy Monday!

We are nearing the beginning of the new fiscal year, though we do not yet know our state budget or whether the federal government will agree to provide additional relief to the states. That said, we do know that nonresidential service providers are preparing for the return to delivery of services in the community, at least in part. Given the public health guidelines for site-based settings (think of any place that is indoors – such as restaurants, retail stores, business offices, etc.), nonresidential providers are modifying the design of their service delivery to ensure all tenets of a good protection plan are met. To be sure, I believe we will see continued remote service delivery offered and a modified version of site-based service delivery. With the recent additional guidance provided by the Department of Developmental Services allowing for absence billing to continue through the end of July, service providers have much needed additional time to finalize and implement their reopening plans.

While our nonresidential service providers are doing their part to reinvent service delivery, consumers, family members and caregivers also play in role in the safe return to the community. This means ensuring the appropriate use of face coverings, the practice of frequent handwashing and social distancing. Practice makes perfect! -and will contribute to the successful return to site-based services, for those who have a desire to do so!

That brings me to planning! Service coordinators, service providers, consumers and their families will discuss the options for service delivery so that consumers can decide on the appropriate service delivery plan that will meet his or her needs.

NLACRC is also preparing for the return of our staff to our business offices, with a cross-department committee working through all of the logistics needed for a safe return to work.

Please remember that advocacy for federal funding (passage of the HEROES Act) is still very, very important to our service system! If you have not contacted your US Congress representative, please take a moment and tell them the importance of federal support for the states – and even better, take the extra few moments to tell them why

– the preservation of California’s developmental disabilities service system and why it is important to you personally. Here’s how! Go to the Governor’s [website](#). You can either email him, or call directly at (916) 445-2841. If you're on social media, you can post on his [Twitter](#) account.

Have a healthy and happy week!

Sincerely,

Ruth