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Dear Colleague:

Please find enclosed the final bulletin entitled *Service Definitions for the Pennsylvania Mental Retardation Program, Reissued*. This document is being forwarded to you for your information and for sharing with other interested parties.

The purpose of this bulletin is to include policy clarifications in the service definition narrative as listed below, correct typographical or administrative errors made throughout the document, correct place of service designations for various services, and to add a table of contents and an index to the narrative for ease of use. The bulletin is effective July 1, 2010.

The following list, although not an exhaustive list, are items that ODP considers to be the most notable revisions:

- Added language to In-Home Respite Services that the primary caregiver may be in the home while respite is provided.
- Added language that clarifies who can render the Family Living Service as a host family.
- Added language that requires individuals who receive Prevocational Services to have an employment outcome in their Individual Support Plan.
- Clarified the time of day that Home and Community Habilitation (Unlicensed) may be used as a nontraditional day program by individuals residing in licensed residential habilitation settings who are not interested in attending a traditional licensed day program.
- Added Home Finding service definition.
- Corrected coding errors for various services.

The Home and Community Services Information System (HCSIS) and the Provider Reimbursement and Operations Management Information System (PROMIS[™]) have been updated to reflect the coding changes to the procedure codes as a result of this bulletin.

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Questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to the appropriate Regional Program Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin T. Casey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a distinct "T" and "C".

Kevin T. Casey

Enclosures