

State of Louisiana

TO: All Supports Waiver Providers

FROM: Julie Foster, OCDD Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE: February 15, 2016

RE: New Date for the Implementation Date of the Supports Waiver

Changes

You have received previous communication and training from our Office related to the changes in the Supports Waiver, which include changes to the service unit from daily to fifteen minute increments for day habilitation, prevocational services and individual supported employment as well as time limiting of prevocational services to four years.

We had previously advised that the implementation date for these changes would be April 1, 2016; however, the changes will take effect on **March 1, 2016** instead. The date was moved in order to coincide with the implementation of the electronic visit verification system which is being implemented for OCDD center-based services including, day habilitation, prevocational, and center-based respite services and all OCDD supported employment services.

A refresher training will be provided via webinar on February 24, 2016 from 10:00am-12:00pm to discuss the changes that will be taking place and to answer any questions you have about the new process. If you have questions about the changes, please ask them at the webinar training.

Please register for "Upcoming Changes to the Supports Waiver" at the following link:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5365319148255959297

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Here is the conference call information needed to participate:

USA Toll-Free: 888-251-2909 **ACCESS CODE:** 5426442

Thank you for your attention to this matter.