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From: OPWDD Office of Counsel, Bureau of Policy & Regulatory Affairs

Date: October 4, 2017

Re: Final Regulations– Certification of Facilities and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Regulations.

Effective Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017
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Suggested distribution:

Agency Administrators and Managers

Purpose:

The final regulations update, reorganize, and relocate existing requirements for certification of programs and services in OPWDD's system, into a new Part in OPWDD regulations. The amendments also supersede existing regulations on the discontinued survey process formerly used by OPWDD to certify state and non-state operated facilities in the OPWDD system. OPWDD expects that providers are already in compliance with the final amendments.

The final regulations are effective on October 18, 2017. There are no substantive changes to the final regulations in comparison with the proposed regulations.

The text and summary of the final regulations are posted on the OPWDD website at www.opwdd.ny.gov. Look under "Regulations & Guidance."

Thank you