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From: OPWDD Regulatory Affairs Unit

Date: June 29, 2015

Re: Final Regulations – Redesign of SEMP and Prevocational Services

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Suggested distribution:

Agency Administrators and Managers
Agency Financial Officers
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Purpose:

Effective July 1, 2015, OPWDD is adopting regulations that redesign its Supported Employment (SEMP) and prevocational services. There are no substantive changes in the final regulations in comparison with the proposed regulations.

SEMP Services: The regulations create two distinct phases of SEMP services: Intensive SEMP and Extended SEMP. The amendments limit the applicability of existing regulations for SEMP to SEMP delivered prior to July 1, 2015, and outline new requirements for the delivery and reimbursement of Intensive and Extended SEMP delivered on and after July 1, 2015.

Additionally, the amendments revise existing OPWDD regulations in section 635-12.12 that permit a limited exception to liability for services regulations for individuals applying for SEMP who meet specified criteria. The final amendments prohibit the limited exception for individuals who enroll in SEMP on and after July 1, 2015.

Prevocational Services: The regulations create two separate types of prevocational services: site based prevocational services and community prevocational services. The amendments limit the applicability of existing regulations for prevocational services to those services delivered prior to July 1, 2015, and outline new requirements for site

based prevocational services and community prevocational services delivered on and after July 1, 2015.

Please refer to the summaries and texts of the regulations for more detail on the new requirements for these services. The summary, text and assessment of public comment for each regulation can be accessed on the OPWDD website at www.opwdd.ny.gov. Look under "Regulations."

OPWDD is also planning to issue Administrative Memorandums that will include further information on the requirements and compliance activities pertaining to these services.

For any questions about the final regulations, please contact Ceylane Meyers-Ruff by telephone at (518) 473-9697 or email at ceylane.meyersruff@opwdd.ny.gov.

Thank you.